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Feds pose 13 questions

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The U.S. departments of Labor and Interior posed 13 sets of questions for Gov. Eloy S. Inos before deciding on his request to extend the Commonwealth-only worker program, or CW, beyond Dec. 31, 2014. Both the government and the private sector said that without the five-year extension, the CNMI will immediately lose access to some 12,000 workers it needs to help run its tourism-based economy.

» Inos cites CNMI challenges, progress

Inos, in his response, cited both progress and challenges in hiring U.S. workers, mostly for private sector jobs held by foreign workers.

He cited training of skilled and unskilled U.S. workers using federal funds and millions in local funds invested in education and scholarships.

On the other hand, the governor cited seven reasons why there is lower U.S. worker participation rate in the private

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Dora to be buried in San Diego

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Dora Grace Ada Camacho, who passed away early Wednesday morning, will be buried in San Diego, Calif., according to her mother, Jennifer C. Ada.

Camacho

Ada, who corresponded with *Saipan Tribune* through Facebook, said she is asking the CNMI community and everyone touched by her amazing daughter one last favor, which is help for her funeral expenses, expected to be around $4,000.

"I just want to thank all the loving hearts of the community on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Guam, and all

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AT THE SENATE

Acting Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher, left, confers with Senate Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chair Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) during a short Senate session break on Wednesday. During public comment period, Fletcher asked the senators to refer to the Public Utilities Commission two bills reducing utility rates for the Public School System and one that sets reconnection fees for power and water services.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

How the US is encircling China with military bases

By JOHN REED
FOREIGN POLICY

WASHINGTON—The U.S. military is encircling China with a chain of air bases and military ports. The latest link: a small airstrip on the tiny Pacific island of Saipan. The U.S. Air Force is planning to lease 33 acres of land on the island for the next 50 years to build a "divert airfield" on an old World War II airbase there. But the residents don't want it. And the Chinese are in no mood to be surrounded by Americans.

The Pentagon's big, new strategy for the 21st century is something called Air-Sea Battle, a concept that's nominally about combining air and naval forces to punch through the increasingly formidable defenses of nations like China or Iran. It may sound like an amorphous strategy—and truth be told, a lot of Air-Sea Battle is still in the conceptual phase.

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Possible bases of the U.S.'s Pacific Pivot. GOOGLE MAPS

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Budget depends on extra FTEs, utilities, MVA funds

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Avoiding a deadlock in the $123.4 million budget bill to prevent a government shutdown hinges on only a handful yet thorny issues, including giving the governor extra 25 or 75 full-time equivalent positions, centralized or decentralized government utility account, and giving more or less tourism funding, lawmakers said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, meanwhile, will review the Senate version of the budget "to see which provisions should be flagged as concerns that should be brought to the attention of the conference committee," press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Demapan said the Inos administration expects the budget to go into conference committee, "if and when the House rejects the Senate version, in order for both houses to iron out their differences."

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) reiterated that the House is poised to reject next week the Senate version of the budget bill, which passed Wednesday night.

After that, a conference committee will be formed to settle the differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget.

"It's obvious we're having some differences and I hope we go into a conference with an open mind," Sablan said yesterday.

Sablan, main author of the budget bill, identified a handful of issues in the Senate version that his committee is concerned about. "We're hoping for a reasonable and responsible compromise," he added.

The Inos administration has not yet prepared its government shutdown contingency plan at this time.

"In fact, the administration is hopeful that going into conference this early will result in getting a budget passed on time," Demapan said.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) separately said yesterday she's also hopeful the two chambers will be able to settle their budget differences to avoid a government shutdown.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said the House leadership will meet on Monday, wherein they will schedule a session and charter their next move on the budget bill.

25 or 75 FTEs?

Sablan said the Senate gave the governor extra 75 FTEs, compared to the House's 25.

Earlier, the House gave the governor a total of 50 FTEs, 25 of which was only a fallback plan should the privatization of the Division of Parks and Recreation fall through.

Now that the administration will be phasing in the privatization of Parks and Recreation starting fiscal year 2014, it becomes status quo as far as FTEs at the division is concerned.

Sablan said this means the House and Senate will have to agree whether to give the governor 25 or 75 FTEs, which will be restricted to positions that are "essential" to the delivery of public services.

The governor asked for 100 additional FTEs, which may be filled at the governor's discretion should the need arises.

However, these extra FTEs do not come with appropriations under the budget. It will be up to the governor's office to fund them should there be a need to hire extra employees.

Sablan said the Ways and

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Means Committee is also concerned about the Senate's decision to give only $100 for the 2014 operations of the Division of Parks and Recreation, which is under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

"While they put back the 25 FTEs under Parks and Rec, they almost zeroed out the operations. So what will the 25 FTEs do if there's no funding for operations?" he asked.

Under the Senate's proposal, Parks and Recreation/ Grounds will have a personnel budget of $549,649 and $100 for operations.

The governor's proposed budget, which the House adopted, was $468,179 for operations. This will be used to contract out all the services for parks maintenance as part of privatizing the program.

Now that the privatization will be phased in, the division would need both the personnel and operations budget.

The administration, meanwhile, said as the budget process goes forward, "the administration, through [the Office of Management and Budget], will work closely with the Legislature to produce a budget that is realistic and workable."

Tourism, utility funding

House Ways and Means Committee chair Sablan said the panel is also concerned about the Senate's move to further cut by $200,000 the budget for the Marianas Visitors Authority at a time when the CNMI is trying to improve the only industry it has.

The governor proposed a $1.161-million budget for MVA for 2014. This is down from $2.007 million in 2013.

However, MVA is set to get an increase from other sources such as the increase in hotel occupancy taxes since April 1 this year. This could be anywhere from $5 million to $8 million.

On Wednesday night, the Senate cut MVA's general fund budget to $961,650, which is $200,000 less than the governor's and House proposal.

Sablan said the Senate's budget version placing government utility budget under "one account" like previous fiscal years "will bring us back to having government agencies not controlling their utility consumption, knowing it's not going to affect their budget anyway."

"The reason why the administration put the utility account under each agency budget is to make sure each agency becomes responsible for their energy consumption. By doing it lump sum again, we would continue to increase our arrears with [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.]," he said.

The Senate maintained the governor's and the House's $20 million general fund remittance to the NMI Retirement Fund for fiscal year 2014.

Electronic gaming

Sablan said his committee is also concerned about the drastic increase in the electronic gaming machine license fee from the original House proposal of $2,500 per machine to $10,000 per machine or 10 percent of net gaming proceeds.

A Senate committee's version of the House electronic gaming recommended a $12,500 annual license fee but this was changed to $10,000 during session, which is still a big increase from $2,500.

"That's a big difference and that has the potential to deter any investor from coming in," Sablansaid.

He said the government should at least give the industry a chance to grow.

Sablan cited the poker industry wherein the license fee started with some $5,000 and then gradually increased until it reached $12,500 per machine on Saipan.

He said the same thing could be done with electronic gaming machines, which should start with at least $2,500 and if the industry proves viable, then that's the time the government may propose an increase.

As for the "earmarking" of the license fee collection, Sablan said the Ways and Means Committee agrees in principle with the Senate in setting aside these funds mainly for the NMI Retirement Fund and Fund members' deferred 25 percent pension and contribution interest.

But he said the committee has yet to decide on how much should be going to what.

"When I introduced the bill in April, there was no Fund settlement agreement yet or the 25 percent pension cut yet so this is something we have to consider," Sablan said.

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Inos extends CUC emergency anew

Gov. Eloy S. Inos extended anew on Monday a state of emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. so that CUC will be able to continue employing skilled technical foreign workers in the absence of qualified U.S. citizen workers.

CUC earlier said it currently has 48 non-U.S. citizen workers in various divisions that require their special skills and expertise. Most of them are from the Philippines.

The governor's Executive Order 2013-18 dated Aug. 20 extends the CUC emergency for another 30 days.

Because of the continued lack of a functioning CUC board and the difficulty the Office of the Governor has been experiencing in its search of volunteers who meet the complex statutory qualifications, CUC's executive power continues to rest with the governor's designated executive director.

However, Inos has been saying that he is close to nominating board members for Senate consideration.

The EO also allows the governor to reprogram funds, and suspend procurement laws or rules to address the CUC emergency.

The governor said CUC is still owed $16 million by the Public School System and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Millions more are owed by residential customers to CUC. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

DORA

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around that donated and is planning to donate to my little girl. I also want to thank everybody for all the prayers and support they gave to my little girl that allowed her to enjoy her last moments here and on Saipan. It was a joy to see my girl happy and brave. It was an honor to have included everybody in her life. She has made everyone a part of her family and it is good to know she wasn't alone in fighting the hard times she suffered," wrote Ada.

Dora, as Camacho is known, is also survived by her brother Devin Sean A. Camacho and sisters Geraldine Jennifer A. Sablan and Clarissa Claire A. Sablan.

The 30-year-old Ada said she would also like to extend her thanks to Joe Gayatao, who has steadfastly served as Dora and her other children's father-figure the past several months.

"He has been wonderful man who has been a great father-figure to Dora. She has been happy since she met him because she grew up without a father and when this man came into our lives she was happy in her last moments."

Ada also shared the kind words her late daughter's doctor shared with the family soon after Dora's passing.

"I have never met a little girl such as my patient like Dora. She is not only beautiful and bright, but she has a strong heart as well. She is a fighter and it was my pleasure taking care of her. She was very polite and she is smart as well."

Those wishing to donate to Dora's funeral expenses can click on www.gofundme.com/18n2a0. The site was originally set up to raise funds to reunite Dora with her siblings. So far, $780 has been raised.

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But a very concrete part of this concept is being put into place in the Pacific. An important but oft-overlooked part of Air-Sea Battle calls for the military to operate from small, bare bones bases in the Pacific that its forces can disperse to in case their main bases are targeted by Chinese ballistic missiles.

Saipan would be used by American jets in case access to the U.S. superbase at Guam "or other Western Pacific airfields is limited or denied," reads this Air Force document discussing the impact building such fields on Saipan and nearby Tinian would have on the environment there. (Residents of Saipan actually want the Air Force to use the historic airbases on Tinian that the U.S. Marines are already refurbishing and flying F/A-18 Hornet fighters out of on an occasional basis.)

Specifically, the Air Force wants to expand the existing Saipan International Airport—built on the skeleton of a World War II base used by Japan, and later the United States—to accommodate cargo, fighter and tanker aircraft along with up to 700 support personnel for "periodic divert landings, joint military exercises, and joint and combined humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts," according to Air Force documents on the project.

This means the service plans to build additional aircraft parking space, hangars, fuel storage tanks and ammunition storage facilities, in addition to other improvements to the historic airfield. And it's not the only facility getting an upgrade.

In addition to the site on Saipan, the Air Force plans to send aircraft on regular deployments to bases ranging from Australia to India as part of its bulked up force in the Pacific. These plans include regular deployments to Royal Australian Air Force bases at Darwin and Tindal, Changi East air base in Singapore, Korat air base in Thailand, Trivandrum in India, and possibly bases at Cubi Point and Puerto Princesa in the Philippines and airfields in Indonesia and Malaysia, a top U.S. Air Force general revealed last month.

The Saipan announcement comes as Chinese defense minister, Gen. Chang Wanquan, visited Washington to talk with U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. The specific topic of U.S. bases in the Pacific didn't come up during a joint press conference held by the two officials Wednesday, but Wanquan said in response to a question about the U.S. military's increased focus on the Pacific that "China is a peace-loving nation. And we hope that [America's] strategy does not target a specific country in the region."

While the U.S. military insists that Air Sea Battle, and the military's entire pivot to Asia, isn't about China, these bases are indeed a check against any future Chinese expansion into the Pacific ocean, according to Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"China will be much more discreet throughout the entire region because U.S. power is already there, it's visible; you're not talking theory, you're already there in practice," he said.

This will also reassure America's allies in the region that the U.S. commitment to the Pacific is legit.

"As part of this rebalancing to the Pacific, you have to show people it's real at a time when so much of U.S. power is increasingly questioned by our budget debates," Cordesman added.

Gen Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle, commander of all US Air Force assets in the Pacific, said that the United States is planning on operating tankers, fighters, and bombers out of a string of bases throughout the South Pacific and Southwest Asia. Like the sites at Tinian and Saipan, these facilities aren't slated for permanent occupation by American aircraft - or at least that's what American commanders say. Instead, these sites will see a steady stream of US and northern Pacific based units visiting on a regular basis.

"We're not gonna build any more bases in the Pacific" to support the US Air Force's increased presence there, said Carlisle. And technically, he's telling the truth: no "new" bases, just expansions of existing airports and rebuilds of abandoned facilities like the sites at Saipan and Tinian. In fact, one of the fields being rebuilt by the Marines on Tinian is the place where the B-29 *Enola Gay* took off on its mission to drop the atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

The refurbished airfields also hearken back to the Cold War era, when American units were constantly rotated in and out of Europe to keep the Soviets at bay. To counter a new foe, the Air Force will continuously deploy units based in the United States and the northern Pacific to a string of airfields in Southeast Asia.

"Back in the late, great days of the Cold War, we had a thing called Checkered Flag: We rotated almost every CONUS [Continental United States] unit to Europe," said Carlisle. "Every two years, every unit would go and work out of a collateral operating base in Europe. We're turning to that in the Pacific."

Not only does this dispersal allow the United States to hide its planes from destruction, it's also "a way to build up relations with partners in that part of the word," explains Jan Van Tol of the Center for Strategic And Budgetary Assessments, a Washington think tank that helped the Pentagon develop of the Air-Sea Battle concept. "It has to do with establishing interoperability, relationships, and experience in the actual areas" where the United States may have to fight.

When asked what other old bases the United States might consider expanding to, Van Tol said "people in different discussions will mention bases they might like to see, like Wake Island or, I think, Palau." Both feature the remains of American airstrips from World War II. Wake, in fact, already has a very limited American military presence. Meanwhile, Palau has openely invited the US military to return and use one of its World War II airstrips there.

Cordesman says the US is likely looking at a three-tiered system of such bases in the Pacific. Some will be strictly American, others like those in Australia to India will be operated by allies who host the Americans on deployments, and the third tier will probably be a more secret string of austere, emergency bases.

"You want forward bases in some areas to show that the United States can operate on its own, then you want that build up interoperability and cooperation with our allies, and then you want contingency capabilities - and with those you want to leave people guessing," said Cordesman.

It's another sign that, when comes to the Pacific, what's old is new again.

FEDS

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sector, including "low wages," "hostile environment," and "few or no benefits such as life insurance and medical coverage."

Inos also cited "food stamp dependency, public sector employment offers more attractive benefits, inflated qualifications for entry-level positions, and part-time instead of full-time position."

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said there is no indication yet whether the CW program would be extended.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) earlier said that even if the U.S. Secretary of Labor grants an extension beyond 2014, it may not necessarily be for five years, at least initially.

Inos and Sablan, along with the private sector, have been hoping for an early decision on the CW program extension request to give ample time for employers, workers, and the government to prepare should an exodus of foreign workers were to happen.

The governor said it is premature to derive an anticipated workforce growth over the next five years, when asked about it, along with the percentage of the anticipated CNMI workforce growth that will be met by foreign workers during the same period.

"With a cursory assessment from our side, it would be hard to gauge the actual growth as the population and education of the non-U.S. citizens in the workforce outweighs the current U.S. citizens," the governor said.

Some of the U.S. Labor and Interior questions included:

"For which occupations or educational skills do the CNMI's businesses have current needs?"

"What efforts by the CNMI government have been undertaken to adequately train or educate CNMI citizens to assume jobs held by alien workers? Who will carry out training and educational programs? What is the result of these efforts? Have they been successful? Will they be continued?"

"Do foreign workers in the CNMI pay income tax?"

On the latter question, the governor's response was "yes."

"Given the recent changes in the CNMI economy…what strategies are being developed by the CNMI government to adapt to these changes which will make the CNMI a more vibrant economy?"

"Is the unemployment rate in the CNMI based on both resident and foreign workers?"

"If the transition period ends, do employers think they will use existing worker visa programs (e.g. H2B, H2A etc) more? If not, why not?"

When asked about CNMI government strategies to adapt to economic changes, the governor broke down his response to four areas: human capital development, industrial and commercial development, physical development, and preservation.

Under human capital development, for example, the governor said the CNMI government continues to invest in education and training of its workforce.

He said there is greater focus on labor enforcement or ensuring at least 30 percent qualified U.S. workers participation.

The term "U.S. workers" refers to U.S. citizens, U.S. lawful permanent residents or "green card" holders, certain CNMI permanent residents, and Freely Associated States citizens such as those from Palau, Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae).

Inos said the CNMI is focused on enhancing the tourism industry, including assigning the Marianas Visitors Authority to head a task force to identify opportunities and coordinate with all other agencies to protect the visitor industry.

The governor said the CNMI has invested $20 million in the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance to avoid "brain drain" and $2 million in CNMI Scholarship for fiscal year 2012 alone, when asked about government efforts to educate CNMI citizens to assume jobs that alien workers currently hold.

Inos met last week with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and asked for their input in addressing questions posed by U.S. Labor and Interior before deciding on the CW extension request.

In turn, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce solicited responses also from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management.

One of the questions was, "Do CNMI's businesses have any difficulty finding qualified applicants who are U.S. citizens and legal residents for any of the jobs they are trying to fill?

The governor said there is difficulty for higher skilled jobs, but for entry-level or low skilled jobs, "maybe."

"Cases are unique and Labor enforcement is key and this is one of the CNMI's employment strategies in response to U.S. Public Law 110-229, ensuring qualified U.S. workers are accorded the opportunity for employment," he said.

Inos said the demand from businesses continue to be for highly-skilled and experienced employees, and "defaults to their current non-U.S. citizen employees."

The governor also listed six local and federal research and surveys to understand the economic implications of the possible elimination of the CW program, including a report by the Government Accountability Office and a 2008 McPhee & Conway Report.

Inos also said the implementation of minimum wage increases creates less demand for labor for smaller businesses whereas for larger businesses, "the demand is there; however the increase has resulted in lesser work hours to remain sustainable with considerable expenses such as utilities."

Tanapag school to open classes with lowest enrolment in years

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Tanapag Elementary School, which is designed to accommodate hundreds of students, will open next month with only a handful of enrollees—its lowest in many years.

The school has a current enrollment of just 170 students for school year 2013-2014.

School principal Ignacia Demapan said this is a decline from last year's total of 180 students from kindergarten to sixth grade when classes started. That number later dropped to 178 by the end of the school year.

Demapan, who has been principal of the school for two years, believes that this year's enrolment is one of the smallest, if not the lowest, in many years. However, she pointed out that the total may still change in coming weeks as many students register, transfer, or drop out.

Demapan disclosed that staffing will remain at 14, comprising a principal, nine classroom teachers, a library aid, a school aid, and two maintenance and trades staffers.

Because of its continuing low enrollment, Tanapag will not have a vice principal or counselor, Demapan said.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Tanapag school has 19 classrooms and 14 bathrooms. It also has a library, an administrative building, and a cafeteria.

A decline in enrolment was also noted at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, which can accommodate more than 300 students.

As of yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* learned that GTC has a total of 210 enrollees from kindergarten to sixth grade. In the previous school year, the school registered 220 students, the number later dropping to 211.

GTC has 15 classrooms and 14 bathrooms. It also has an administrative building, a cafeteria, and a library. Records show that the school has a total of 18 employees, including one principal, 10 teachers, one counselor; two support staff; two teacher aides; one instructor; and one special education staff.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., disclosed Wednesday that PSS will implement Phase 2 of the Middle School Plan by the end of school year 2013-2014. This phase includes the merger of GTC and Tanapag and the building of a new middle school in San Roque.

"The PSS management, school leadership, and stakeholders will establish a middle school education level executive team to carry out the mandates of the [Board of Education] pertaining to the full implementation and success of the middle school education level in PSS," said Sablan.

The merger of the two schools, which was postponed this school year, aims to make GTC the home for K-5 and creates the Tanapag Middle School, which will house 6-8 graders.

The plan aims to maximize the use of school facilities to reduce costs while addressing the perennial overcrowding in large schools like Hopwood Junior High School.

Fund trustee ad litem, lawyers seek payment of $45K in May

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From $52,479.54 in compensation and reimbursement for April this year, the expenses for NMI Retirement Fund's trustee *ad litem* and two Fund lawyers for May is down to $45,414.06.

U. S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on Wednesday approved the request of Fund trustee *ad litem* Civille and Tang law firm for payment of $13,327.50 for professional services and $443.60 for reimbursement of expenses, for a total of $13,771.10.

Tydingco-Gatewood also approved Fund counsel Daniel J. Berman's request for payment of $25,250 for professional services and $377.86 in expenses, for a total invoice of $25,627.86.

For the Fund's other counsel, Braddock J. Huesman, the judge approved his request for payment of $5,660 for professional services and $355.10 in expenses.

During this time frame, the judge noted that the trustee *ad litem* and its attorneys continued to meet with financial experts and government officials as part of their Fund management.

She said the trustee *ad litem* and its lawyers also prepared and received settlement documents, met with active employees and retirees who are Fund members, and defended and advanced matters in various lawsuits involving the Fund.

Tydingco-Gatewood ordered acting Fund director Lillian Pangelinan to immediately remit the amounts to the trustee *ad litem* and its attorneys.

This payment, the judge said, shall come from the Fund's operations budget, but the CNMI government is ultimately responsible for reimbursing the Fund for these amounts.

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$28.7M federal aid awarded to NMI schools this fiscal year

»Same projection expected in fiscal year 2014

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A participant asks Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., a question during a leadership workshop on Wednesday at the Pacific Islands Club.

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Commonwealth public schools received a total of $28.739 million in various federal grants this fiscal year for at least 11 different programs it administers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, according to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

Sablan shared this information with school administrators and program managers during a leadership workshop on Wednesday, to give school leaders a clear picture of the system's fiscal resources.

The $28.739 million overall federal award is for the 12-month period covering October 2012 through Sept. 30, 2013.

The largest chunk was for the breakfast and lunch program for students. The total allocation for this program in fiscal year 2013 was $10.233 million.

The consolidated grant totaling $8.442 million was the next highest federal award, followed by $4.831 million for food and nutrition services and $1.839 million to operate the PSS Head Start program.

For special education part C, PSS was funded $959,094 while part B allocation this fiscal year reached $454,283.

The Americorp program, which is also funded by the federal government, got $338,551 for its operation, while a grant for a pregnancy prevention program totaled $250,000.

PSS also received $273,785 in indirect costs while $150,000 was allocated for its child care after-school program.

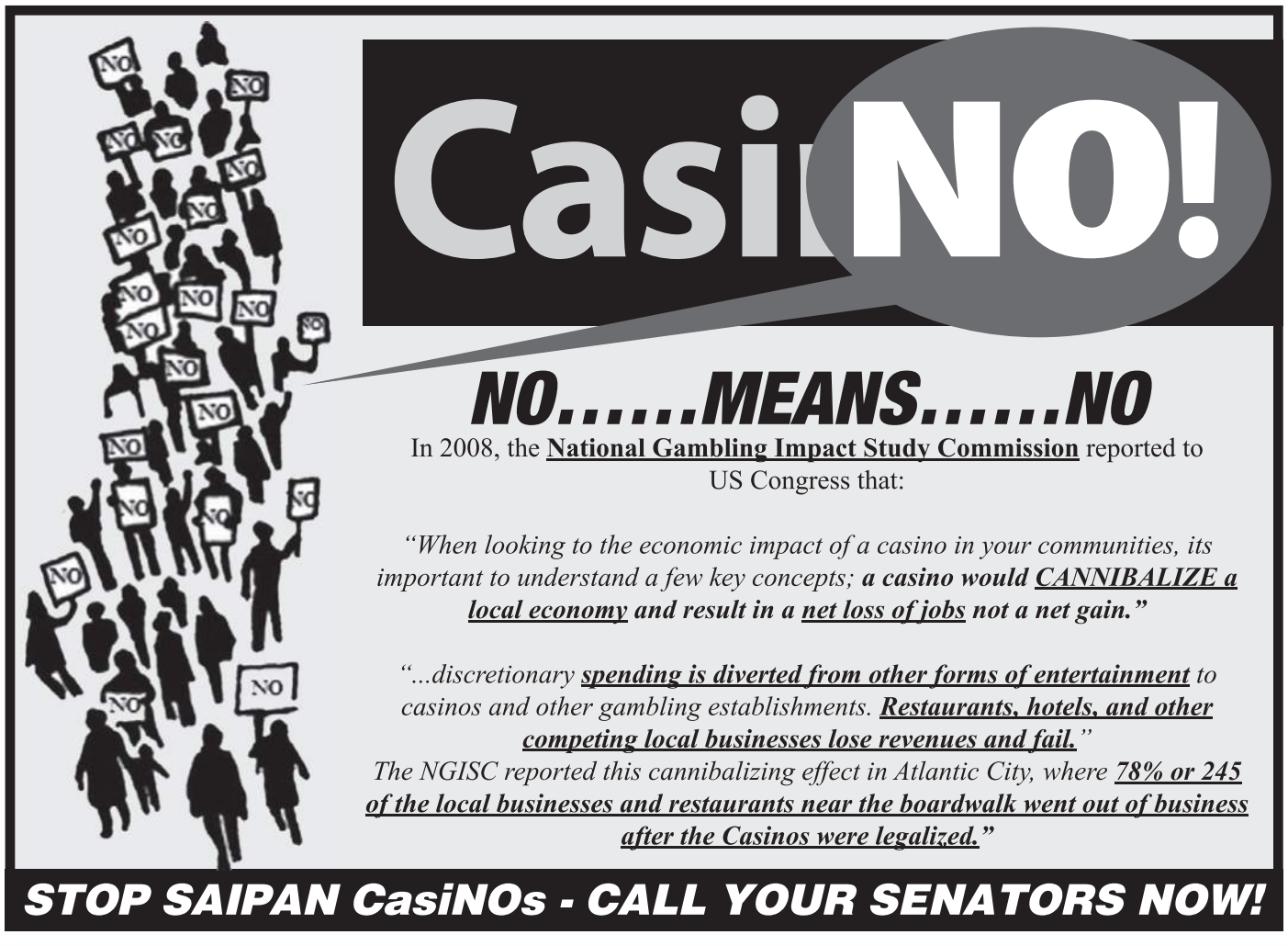
According to Sablan's report, "[fiscal year] 2014 grant awards are anticipated between August and October, therefore the amounts reflected above may be similar for next school year."

In terms of local funding, Sablan said the Board of Education has proposed a budget of $40 million for public schools. Of this amount, $31.8 million will be for personnel cost; $4.056 million will go to school operations, maintenance, and repairs; and $4.132 million will be for utility bills. The proposed budget is currently pending at the Legislature.

"The proposed budget is being entertained at the Legislature and has not been forwarded to the governor for his approval. In the event that the Legislature and the governor appropriates a budget less than $40 million, our financial management team will work with the school leadership and the State Board of Education to make the adjustments based on regulations and policies of the school district," according to Sablan.

PSS got a $31 million budget this fiscal year. The system has already exhausted its $2.3 million budget for utility costs and the bulk of what funds remain is only good to pay for the salary and wages of its personnel.

Combining the federal grants and local budget for this fiscal year, PSS has a total budget of a $59.7 million.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House arrest for woman accused of stabbing own baby

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday placed on house arrest Loretta R. Feria, a 28-year-old woman who is accused of stabbing her 2-month-old baby several times.

Camacho allowed Feria's temporary release upon posting a $1,000 cash and $249,000 unsecured bond. Feria's original bail was $250,000 cash.

The suspect's sister will act as her third-party custodian.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig is counsel for Feria. Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty appeared for the government.

Feria will not be allowed to leave the house without her third-party custodian. She is allowed to see her children as long as both the third-party custodian and her husband are present to watch her and the children interact. She is not allowed to stay with the children.

She and her husband have three children, ages 3, 2, and the now 6-month old baby. She had a miscarriage in 2011.

Feria is required to continue taking her medication.

Camacho modified the bail after Dr. Martin Blinder, a Hawaii-based psychiatrist who examined Feria on July 3, 2013, found her to have suffered post-partum psychosis, major depression, and other mental disorder when the incident happened.

» Psychiatrist: Suspect suffering from post-partum psychosis, other mental disorders when stabbing happened

Blinder said that Feria meets the standard for insanity in that, at the time of her offense, "she knew not the nature, quality, nor the wrongfulness of her acts."

Blinder, however, determined that due to medication, Feria's competency has been restored and that she is now mentally fit to proceed with her trial.

With Blinder's expert report, the burden now falls on the Office of the Attorney General to prove that she had criminal intent to commit the offense at the time of the crime.

The OAG will have to make decision now whether to go ahead with prosecuting the case or dismiss it.

No trial date has been set because the case was put on hold awaiting Feria's mental evaluation.

Camacho set a status conference for Oct. 16, 2013.

According to police and court records, police received a call on Feb. 9, 2013, at 8:48pm about a stabbing incident at a house in Chalan Kanoa.

Police learned that Feria admitted to officers at the scene that she stabbed her baby. The baby was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center and was treated for a stab wound in the abdomen, a laceration in the neck, and abrasions on the left wrist. After surgery, she was listed in stable condition.

The OAG charged Feria with attempted murder in the first degree, aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and child abuse.

The Office of the Public Defender has entered a not guilty plea for Feria due to mental defect and mental illness.

Deleon Guerrero gets new two-year contract, teachers' salary hike OK'd

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The Mount Carmel School board has approved a new two-year contract for its president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, expressing full satisfaction with his first year performance.

"I am very humbled by the board's faith in me and the entire school. It is an honor to work with a group of board members who are so committed to the school and Catholic education," said Deleon Guerrero.

The board met last week and approved Deleon Guerrero's new contract. Reflecting the school's recent adoption of the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, the new contract's duties and responsibilities are modeled after the NSBECES standards for Catholic school leadership.

The board also added provisions to support the ongoing professional growth of the president with opportunities like continuing education seminars, retreats, and sabbaticals. The board also added provisions that allow for a salary increase if specific benchmarks are met, such as hitting enrollment targets or meeting financial goals.

Based on the result of the first-ever evaluation of the school president, Deleon Guerrero got high marks across the board.

The board also adopted a decision to implement a salary hike for its faculty. The board recognized that the school needs to move forward with salary increases in order to retain and recruit qualified, effective teachers.

While this salary increase may be nominal at this point, the board decided to begin raising salaries, rather than wait until the school has enough funds to offer a more substantive salary increase. The exact amount of the salary increase has been delegated to the school leadership to determine.

This news was welcomed by the faculty, including 2013 Teacher of the Tear Carmen Agulto.

"With this salary increase, I can tell that the board is very committed to the highest quality of teaching and learning. We are very grateful for them," she said.

The board also approved the hiring of a development director, who will work on fundraisers, supplemental revenues, and alumni support. This creates a new position, which used to be performed by the school's business manager.

Now that the school will have both a business manager and a development director, the board said the school will be able to see more financial stability.

The school has already identified a person for the position and will issue a formal announcement next week.

According to MCS board chair Joseph L. G. Taijeron Jr., "The Mount Carmel School board takes its responsibility to provide a clear and reasonable policy very seriously. Each member is dedicated to providing the school with their support and guidance."

Man who barged inside Hopwood classroom gets 6-month sentence

A man who barged inside a classroom at Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao and confronted his former girlfriend in front of her students was slapped with a six-month prison term.

Brian Lee Delos Reyes, 40, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to disturbing the peace as part of a plea deal. Two other charges of criminal contempt were dropped as part of the deal.

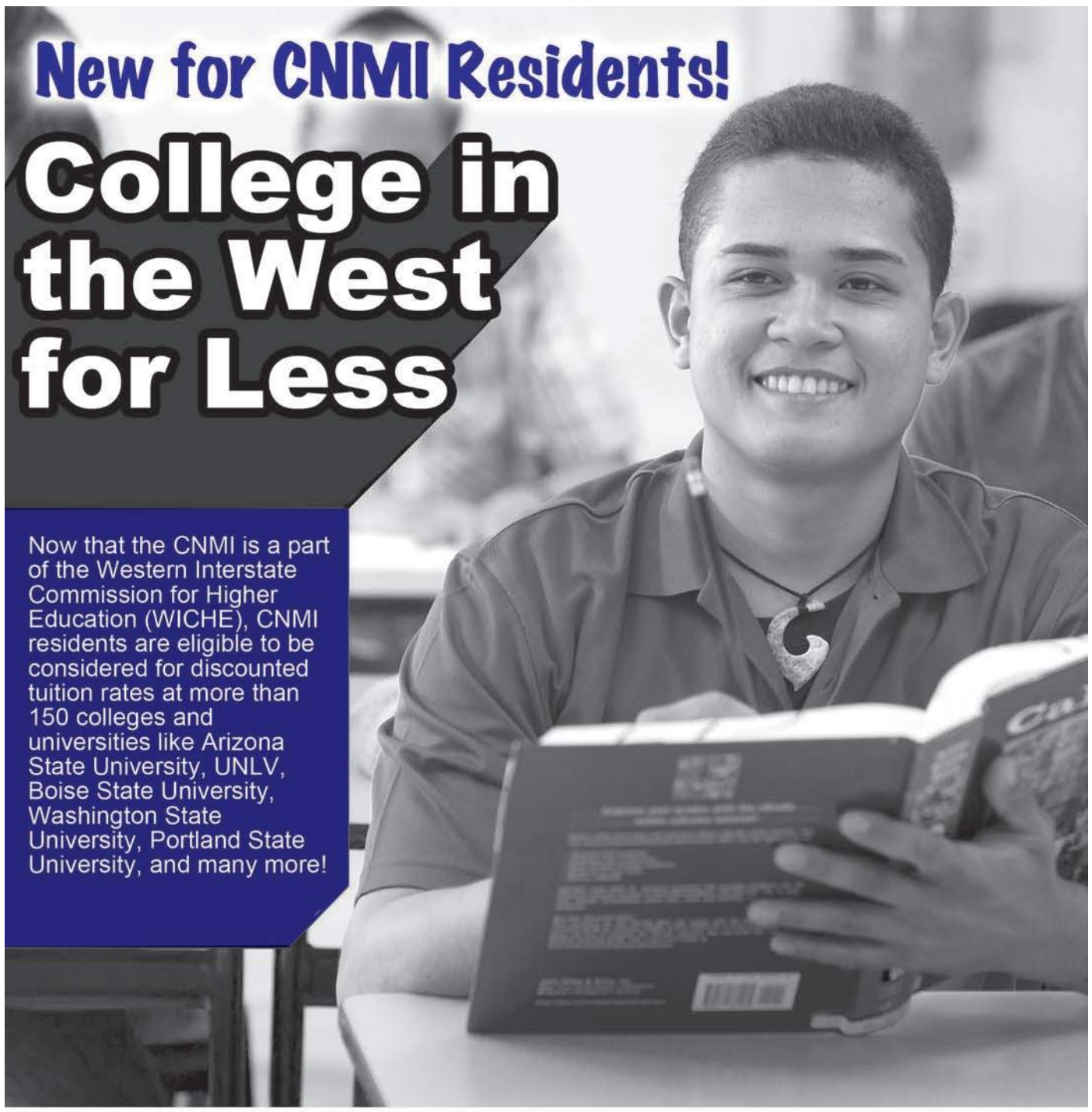
Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Delos Reyes to six months in prison. The sentence will be served without the possibility of parole.

Wiseman said the sentence shall run consecutive or in addition to Delos Reyes' previous sentence in a 2012 criminal case.

During his five-year probation, Delos Reyes is barred from having direct or indirect contact with the victim. He is also ordered to stay a minimum of 100 yards away from her house and place of employment.

According to the plea deal, on Jan. 8, 2013, Delos Reyes, only 10 days after being ordered by the court to stay away from his former girlfriend, entered Hopwood Junior High School where she works, went to her classroom, and confronted her in front of her students.

School principal Jonas Barcinas was forced to order security officers not to let Delos Reyes back into the school property. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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District Court warns of jury phone scam

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In the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, citizens are called for jury duty by a summons from the court through U.S. mail. A court official may contact you regarding your jury service and if you fail to appear will ask you about the non-appearance. However, court officials will not request your account numbers or credit card numbers and will never demand payment over the phone.

If you are contacted by a person who is claiming to be calling from the District Court and requesting that you pay a fine because you missed jury duty, DO NOT give that person any personal information, account numbers or money. Contact the District Court at (670) 236-2902 if you receive such a call.

If you have any questions about whether you missed jury duty, call the District Court at (670) 236-2902. If you are a current member of a jury panel, you may get current jury scheduling information by calling the jury hotline at (670) 236-2959. ***(U.S. District Court for the NMI)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tanapag Elementary School calendar

■ Aug. 26: Teachers and staff report to school, 7:30am to 4:30pm

■ Aug. 26 – 28, 2013: School Level PD for teachers, staff

■ Aug. 28: Parent/guardian and student orientation for kindergarten only, from 1:30pm – 2:30pm (Cafeteria)

■ Aug. 29: North East Cluster PD for all teachers and staff (7:30am – 4:30pm)

■ Aug. 30: Parent/guardian and student orientation for all (Cafeteria), 1st to 6th grade, from 9:45am to 10:45am

■ Sept. 2: Labor Day holiday

■ Sept. 3: First day of classes

Instruction starts at 8am for all elementary schools. Parents or guardians are asked to have their child or children at school before 8am but not earlier than 7:30am. Bus riders are asked to be at the designated bus stop by 6:55am. Bus pick-up time is 7am. All students will be dismissed at 2:30pm

Inos is SHRM's guest speaker on Aug. 29

Gov. Eloy S. Inos will be the guest speaker of the Society for Human Resource Management Northern Marianas Chapter at the society's Aug. 29, 2013, general membership meeting. This special meeting is open to the public and will be held in Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The presentation includes lunch at a cost of $20 for SHRM members and $30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so make your reservation early by contacting Malou Jardinero at 234-6601 local 621/622 or e-mail her at malou_jardinero@tanholdings.com. ***(SHRM)***

ChaCha Ocean View sets student orientation

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that ChaCha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having an orientation for all students on Aug. 28, 2013, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the school cafeteria. Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

KagES sets school orientations

To all parents and guardians of students attending Kagman Elementary School: School orientations are as follows:

■ Kindergarten to 3rd grade: Aug. 27, 2013, (Tuesday) from 9am to 10am

■ 4th grade to 5th grade— Aug. 28, 2013, (Wednesday) from 9am to 10am ***(PR)***

SAES registration ongoing

Registration for school 2013-2014 is ongoing at the San Antonio Elementary School. Parent orientation will be on Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, from 5:30pm to 7pm. Classes will resume on Sept. 3, 2013, Tuesday. The tardy bell will ring at 8am and dismissal will be at 2:30pm. Gates will open 7:15am. New dismissal time for school year will be at 2:30pm. ***(PR)***

Kagman High beginning-of-the-year orientations

Orientation for all new and returning students is designed to inform parents and students of any new or changing information about the 2013-2014 school year. Attendance at orientation is highly recommended for both parents and students.

Schedules will be handed out on this day. Students who are *not* registered will *not* get schedules. Orientation dates are:

■ Freshmen and seniors: Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

■ Sophomores and juniors: Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. ***(PR)***

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 23, 2005

Lightning cripples Tinian phones

Verizon phone customers on Tinian were without service yesterday after a lightning hit the telecommunications firm's facility. Verizon general manager Tony Mosley said a network shelf card blew due to a lightning strike early yesterday morning. The network shelf connects the network and all the links and is necessary to bring up the dial tone for the landline phone service. As of 5pm, the company was still expecting delivery of the replacement card. Aside from installing the card, some diagnostic work also needs to be done before the phone service could be turned back up.

Car turns turtle on Beach Road

A sports utility vehicle that is believed to have been involved in a collision with another vehicle turned turtle Sunday night along Beach Road, injuring its driver and possibly the driver of the other car. Police found the green Nissan Montero SUV on its back around 10:43pm Sunday night. The car, with plate number ABW-594, was upside down on the northbound lane along Beach Road, just after Moylan's Insurance Underwriters International office. Police, however, would not give any details of the accident, besides saying that the case would be investigated as soon as possible.

August 23, 2006

Audit: Claims, judgments vs NMI govt reach $9M

Claim settlements and judgments against the Commonwealth government have reached $9 million as of last fiscal year, according to an independent audit report by Deloitte & Touche. The private firm, which audited the entire government's financial activities in fiscal year 2005, reported that the CNMI owed $9.02 million in tort and other claims as of Sept. 30, 2005. According to Deloitte & Touche, total claims against the CNMI government was already at $9.02 million when FY 2005 started on Oct. 1, 2004.

PSS after-school programs shutting down

The Commonwealth's power woes has not spared the Public School System as a number of schools have shut down their after-school programs in an effort to conserve electricity. The cash-strapped PSS has appealed to school principals and program managers to cooperate and help PSS stay within its $37.2 million budget for school year 2006-2007 in response to skyrocketing utility bill that the agency would be shouldering for the first time. While teachers are keeping an eye on their electricity meters, some cannot help but express concern over the scrapping of after-school programs. Hopwood Junior High School teacher Angie Quinata said the school's Saturday Reading Program has been temporarily put on hold due to the power schedule and utility savings. She added that the program has been very helpful to students.

August 23, 2007

'Less on programs, more on construction'

The Public School System spent significantly less on instructional programs and more on construction in fiscal year 2006, according to an independent audit issued yesterday. According to the Office of the Public Auditor's executive summary of the audit report by Deloitte & Touche, the school system's instructional expenditures fell by $6.5 million, or 10 percent, over the latest one-year period.

New insect species released to fight Kagman ivy gourd

Ivy gourd, also known as scarlet gourd (Coccina grandis), has met its match with the release of about 60 to 90 insects that were imported from Guam to control the spread of the invasive plant on Saipan. NMC-CREES entomologist Dr. Joaquin Tenorio told Saipan Tribune yesterday that the new insect, called the ivy gourd moth or the Melittia Oedipus, has been released in the field to counter the spread of the plant. Tenorio said at least 60 of these insects were released last week in Kagman where there is heavier infestation of the plant. He said these insects are expected to chomp on the encroaching ivy gourd and control its further spread. Tenorio said his office would be monitoring the progress of the insects to determine their success rate. He said the moths were imported from a quarantine laboratory in Guam. Right now there are 300 eggs that are being cultivated in the Kagman laboratory to propagate more insects. A follow up release of another batch of the ivy gourd moths is set on Sept. 13.

NMC selected to host Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence

The Northern Marianas College was recently selected to host a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence who will be assisting in strengthening the college's program review processes, teaching communication courses and developing new ones, and giving cultural talks and lectures about her home country and extensive media background.

The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, helps enable U.S. colleges like NMC to host scholars from other countries in order to help them internationalize their campuses, curriculum, and the wider community. This is the first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence for the CNMI.

The Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Grace Turner, was nominated for and received a nine-month SIR Award from the State Department beginning August 2013. The majority of funding for Fulbright scholars comes from the program itself, with the host institution providing a small stipend to assist partially with transportation and housing.

This is the first such award to be conferred in Jamaica, where Turner is from, in nearly two decades and she joins the select few to whom the SIR Award has been made globally. This is also the first time that NMC has been fortunate enough to receive a Fulbright scholar.

"We are extremely honored to have Dr. Turner here at NMC to be sharing her extensive knowledge and professional background," said NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D. "In addition to working directly with our students, she will also be engaging the community throughout her nine-month stay in Saipan."

Turner was specially invited to accept this award in recognition of her contribution to tertiary level education in Jamaica.

A farmer of pineapples, pepper, peanuts and hardwood trees, Turner also plans to be involved with women in agriculture on the island to learn from them and to share her experiences over the last 21 years on her farm.

Turner is also founder and president of Clavester University College Limited and has served in several leadership and faculty roles for over three decades including being the head of Distance Education and later Cooperative Education at the University of Technology, Jamaica; university vice president as well as associate professor at Northern Caribbean University; adjunct lecturer at HEART Trust/NTA, Crowne Institute of Professional Studies and the Jamaica Theological Seminary. She has also been doctoral/masters degree thesis supervisor at International University of the Caribbean and the University of the West Indies where she has also been guest presenter for several years on Academic Reading and Note Taking; coordinator of and lecturer on a master's degree course titled "Disasters, Communication and Media and Institutional Consultant" to the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication.

In addition, Turner has written and taught courses that include communication research methods and media ethics and legal issues and facilitates instruction on research methods, issues readings, and reviews and communication studies. Her career has also seen her working in the public and private sectors up to the level of CEO.

In speaking with Turner, she shared that this promises to be an exciting time for her especially where the language is concerned, her major in her first degree having been French and Spanish while she reads German. Her keen interest in language studies led her to pursue her doctoral work in the teaching of English to adult learners in remote places. Nearly 10 years ago, she had no idea that she would be teaching communication four planes and many hours later so far from home. ***(NMC)***

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Grace Turner will help the Northern Marianas College strengthen the college's program review processes, teach communication courses and develop new ones, and give cultural talks and lectures.

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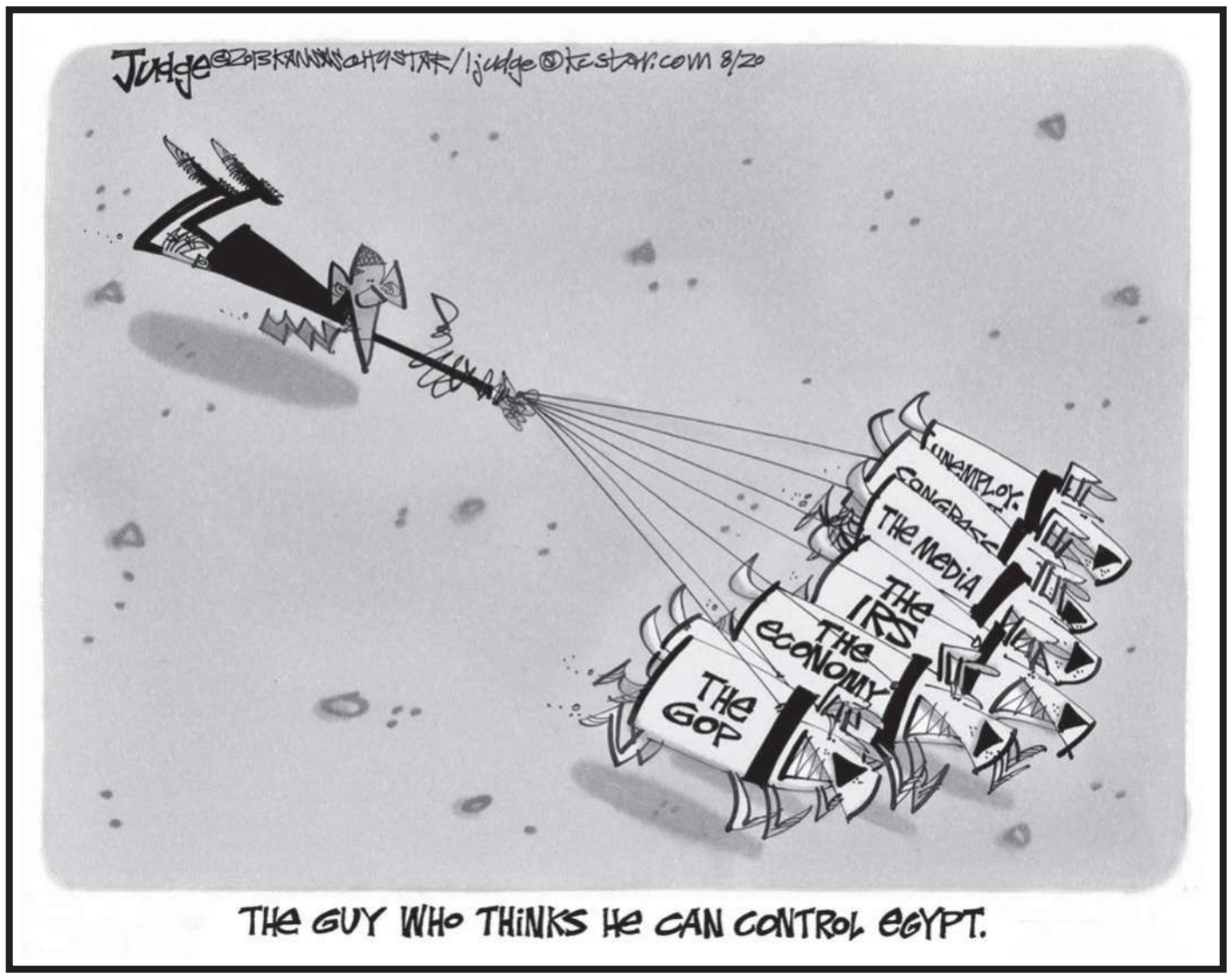

Whereof we stand

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jaime R. Vergara is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church and was pastor of Saipan Immanuel UMC at the second millenium's turn. He now writes from China.

We'll pull together the wisdom of our existence so far, a decade of which was spent on Saipan where we commenced our literary habit. We do not intend to be prescriptive by foisting our experiential learning on the behavior of others. Nor do we have a litany of lessons we share so that others follow our example. Instead, we convey a transparent stance so that our witness acts like a mirror to reflect not the structure of our selfhood but invite others to see theirs.

The word we use is "transparency" in the plane of history, in contrast to the prescriptive inclination of a "transcendent" ideal often used as a measure of perfection from on high that commerce in the language of eternal verities, and the intense immanence of one's sense of depth and profundity to ground awe and wonder over the mystery of life itself. We stand at the core of contemporary relevance. OK. We are babbling abstractions here. Let me come at it another way.

Say the reader stands in the middle of a world map, sees the ends of the four directions and the in-betweens as well (like the trigrams do in the ancient symbol of the *pugua*) to effect a comprehensiveness view and inclusive stance of the whole. Let's take the inclusiveness to be the earth as a planet, organic, interdependent of parts, and interlocking in roles and functions. This establishes our middle centered position in space. We've used the word "glocal" to capture the '60s sense of "thinking globally, acting locally."

A product of my time, literally a twin to Tinian's nuclear Little Boy, I intend to sally forth 'til 2031 when I am 86. The sallying forth at the center involves stepping outside of our self (up) and contemplating the processes that abides (down) in the quantum physics of our being.

In '68, the Apollo mission shifted our ground to the reality of a blue orb rising on moonscape horizon, oblivious to drawn political boundaries on its surface; a singular, fragile, and pulsating organic throb careening into an unknown universe. The earth and I are one.

Internally, we affirmed the external truth, that "all the earth belongs to all the people" is at the heart of globalization. "All the decisions of history belongs to all the people" is an unstoppable impetus that grasps the passion and imagination of local revolutions. Today, nations and states are officiating marriages based on consent and covenant rather than sexual orientation. More significantly, "all the inventions of humanness belongs to all the people" has made religions ecumenical (fundamentalist defensively execute a reflexive jerk). We participate in glocalizing decision-making at all levels; pedestrian goods and services worldwide move across human existence irrespective of status symbols.

Some write manifestos to state this knowledge; others quietly incorporate it into the fabric of daily life. But the reality is inescapable. Earth is a living organism, though the humans in its last 10,000 years created a cancerous global brain that threatens the life engendering capacity of the organism itself. Furthering the new understanding, alas, is met with determined opposition from entrenched vested interests.

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Perversion vs fiduciary duty

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Families are holding vigils, glued to calculators adding the pile of heavy deductions against family pocketbooks slated to begin next month, including utilities.

This as 25 percent of retirees' pay is cut sometime in October. In January, Obamacare effectively increases health premiums by some 30-40 percent. Eerily silent what the so-called leadership is doing to tame cost of living.

Is leadership inaction the "perverse incentive" for the multitude struggling to endure unsolicited misery and hardship? Is the multitude supposed to accept as "common wisdom" that neglect, complacency, and mediocrity are the new norm in leadership?

Didn't we just read reports of some 18,000 people here without health insurance? Did the good boys at the NMI Department of Commerce do due diligence to explore why such is the case? The cost of living steadily increases while unemployment and underemployment persist. The cumulative deduction is not less than 56 percent. Further translated it simply means you pile this on top of the cost of living today.

Some 6,000 people are jobless while 52 percent of those working fall within the federal definition of poverty level income (family of four earning $24K and below, also known as underemployed). Yes, you have a job but your earning is far from sufficient to meet basic family needs of four.

The economic decline is such that more than 2,000 families have relocated to Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland over the last six years. More are headed out the jet way and have started securing lease of family land to leave.

Is the so-called "leadership" up to the job to ease familial hardship by burning the midnight oil to determine the cause of the deepening mess at home? Isn't it time that you roll up your sleeves to critically review pernicious federal and local policies that have made living in paradise a hellish hole?

It's so quiet in the villages at sunset it's deafening. Hello? Anybody home?

Death of investment

It was during the terminally ingrate's term (Benigno R. Fitial) when investors from the Land of the Rising Sun shut the doors to the NMI. It seems their pioneering efforts went unappreciated.

A blogger calls Fitial the "Smiling Smurf," appropriately too. He openly eliminated Japanese investments as he started "cherry picking" others from elsewhere. He did it under the delusional grandeur of "I am the rule." It was a fleeting declaration that eventually landed egregious hardship in the villages.

Voters rebuked his blossoming statist agenda. This was doubly rewarded when his former legislative allies refused to "drink milk" and impeached him from office.

We can attribute the exodus of foreign capital of some $7 billion to his failed "steak and lobster" policies. He blundered the livelihood of the people of these isles, sending them to the pits of misery in abject poverty. No wonder he had to incubate like some tropical bear nearby.

He dropped the ball to stem the tide of federalization of minimum wage and immigration. With Smiling Smurf's exit, the Nancy Boys were caught with their pants down, incapable of discerning the effects of predatory policies. They're still circling the wagon while rehearsing, *Ain't Misbehavin'*.

As such, the NMI is literally bankrupt, its revenue generation headed deeper south as the need for more pennies, nickels, and dimes increase by leaps and bounds. Is there a unified plan anywhere to rework investments?

Not so pleasant waltz

Gov. Eloy Inos desperately does the rain-and-fire dance to lure retirees to his settlement plan. He now spouts he'd remit $25 million to $40 million into the Fund. Why did he ignore paying employer's contribution of some $15 million annually seven years ago?

He now uses weak-kneed punditry to enlist the help of the Legislature in making future appropriations. Is this constitutionally permissible? Must not a thorough research be undertaken to see if "future" appropriations by the Legislature are legal?

He invites the Legislature to join him on the dance floor. The invitation is simple: Inos wants to ensure that if he gets burned by nearly 3,000 retirees he also wants legislators to go down with him. Would the Nancy Boys fatally misread their crystal ball?

Obamacare implementation

The administration is set to implement Obamacare here early next year. The troubling aspect of this move is when non-experts are charged with a program they hardly know of other than instructions to do it. They also subscribe to Pelosi's now fabled ignoramus, "Let's approve it now and find out what's in it later."

Firstly, the program is mired in controversy because it contains

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Heads-up tribe

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Here's a snappy term: "heads-down tribe." I heard it from a Taiwanese guy over the weekend, so perhaps it has a Taiwanese origin, but I don't really know. Wherever it came from, it speaks to a world of truth: There's an epidemic of people whose heads are buried in smartphones, and whose attention is entirely disengaged from their physical surroundings.

Be it smartphones or other trappings of the cyber scene, I think we're up against more than just a product or a trend. It's what the yuppies used to call a "paradigm shift."

Let's first consider the positive side of things by looking at the productive side of the ledger.

There are a lot of jobs out there that require an aptitude for staring at computer screens all day. People who have a sense of engagement in such chores are, of course, the right people for such jobs. If they're willing to spend time staring at screens in their off-hours, and many people are, then the work space seems like a natural extension of their proclivities. It's a natural fit between employer and employee. So, hey, we get to use another yuppie term here: win-win.

Indeed, the heads-down tribe keeps the wheels of modern administration turning.

If the heads-down tribe is a theme for the times, then so, too, is the slew of reports about the side effects of the lifestyle. Some people really spend a lot of time with this stuff, so much time that it can have real effects on them.

For example, a Jan. 24 *Time* magazine article writes of "Facebook Depression," an emotional affliction that can, supposedly, bedevil people who use that site.

"Screen sightedness" is a term given to myopia caused by staring at smartphone screens, according to an Aug. 15 article in the *Daily Mail*, a British paper.

Being depressed and shortsighted would seem to be a real pain in the neck, eh? Well, yes, indeed, that's on the menu, too. "How Texting Can Give You A Permanent Pain In The Neck" is the title of a June 7 article on the *Forbes* magazine website.

According to the article, Americans are sending over 2 trillion texts a year now. I'm quite sure that other countries are also racking up high text activity. The bodily contortions involved in tending the phones for a long time results in what Forbes calls "text neck."

My observations hardly constitute a scientific study, but for what its worth (nothing, admittedly), I see a lot of people with slumped over posture these days. The shoulders are hunched forward and the necks seem to be bent down. I don't know if that's a result of normal computer use or smartphone use, but I suppose that either one can do the trick.

Looking back at the *Forbes* article, it digs into even more serious stuff. It cites a study saying that 83 percent of subjects "reported some hand and neck pain during texting — but also displayed other signs of tension, like holding their breath and increased heart rates."

Some of this stuff, so they say, can mess up the alignment of your spine. I don't know much about biology, but I think the spine is a pretty important part of the human chassis. That's nothing to mess with. In fact, I have known many tragic examples of people born with no spines at all; they're mostly working in management.

Anyway, a year before that *Forbes* text-neck article came out, *Forbes* had another one, dated June 8, 2012: "Is Your Computer Killing Your Eyes?" Here we get yet another term: "Computer Vision Syndrome," which they classify as "A Modern Epidemic."

The *Atlantic Magazine*, meanwhile, has taken a look, I mean a listen, to the aural front. They ran a Dec. 15, 2011, article titled "How the iPod and Other Audio Devices Are Destroying Your Ears."

I've certainly noticed that many habitual, always-plugged-in iPod and MP3 users seem to be as deaf as rotting breadfruit. But look on the bright side: Any such hearing loss can be countered by increasing the volume on the player, so once again we have a happy situation where technology solves the very problems that it caused. What could possibly go wrong?

I'm not suggesting that cyber devices are always going to mess people up. But I think these reported ailments reflect the fact that many people don't just use this stuff, they use it a lot, as in all the time, as in it's a major part of their lives. This can hatch little effects that snowball into bigger ones.

It's all too complicated for my simple brain, so I'll just settle into my beach chair and enjoy the weekend without any fancy electronic gizmos to tend to. The seas, and the trees, and the skies, and the stars are good enough for me. I'm one of a dying breed. I guess you can call us the "heads-up tribe."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't blame our children

I read the article of how students from the CNMI are not returning to work as part of their obligation for getting a scholarship. I warned our government about it as far back as 1998, when I got my master's with the help of funding from the CNMI Legislature. Everyone in the master's program signed a pledge to work and contribute to the CNMI. I guess you know many of them did not live up to their pledge. In fact, one couple was on a plane to Peru the very next day after we graduated because they had a job waiting for them there and nothing in the CNMI was guaranteed for them. So we can't blame people for taking the road to greener pastures. This phenomenon of our children not coming back to work is an old one that was never addressed and it will continue until we do something to change or alter the phenomenon to our advantage.

We continue to ignore the fact that we need some kind of "repatriation program," especially in light of the need to transition to a local workforce. But our leaders have been more focused on keeping the alien workers than helping our own children return to the CNMI. Why would they return when there is no job waiting for them and if they are fortunate enough to get a job with their degree it will more than likely be paying minimum wage. Yes, our children with degrees will have to compete with alien workers with degrees for a job paying minimum wage. That is the true reality our children face because the government can't hire them all, so we can't blame them for having good sense and choosing a career in the mainland. If we don't help them and inspire them, they *are not* coming back.

I don't have anything against the alien workforce and I know that we need them but at the same time our government has a fiduciary duty to our children to give them the first shot at being hired before hiring an alien worker. This situation with our children reminds me of the days of "affirmative action" in the mainland, which helped African-Americans tremendously in getting jobs that had ordinarily been reserved for whites. It is my understanding that we actually have a law that mimics the affirmative action law to some degree for helping locals but it is not being applied and monitored for accountability. I guess the feds will have to do this for us to by making us follow our own laws.

We really can't blame the students who find great jobs in the mainland when they graduate because why would they return to the CNMI to face the nothing we have to offer? It is our fault for not setting the conditions for them to return. We don't even offer them a plane ticket to come back, which makes it even more challenging for them to decide to come back. I am willing to bet that if our children had a job waiting for them in the CNMI and a plane ticket to come home, the results of the Scholarship Program will be much, much better.

I have already discussed this with my children and they will be returning *once* they have secured a real job in the CNMI and not before. Our children want to come back but we have to do our part as their parents. I can only pray one of our leaders will read this and really do something to help our children return to the CNMI.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Susupe and Chalan Kanoa: Saipan's crime capital

I would like to thank DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero for making it official by proclaiming the villages of Susupe and Chalan Kanoa as Saipan's "crime capital" in yesterday's *Marianas Variety* story "Knife wielding man chases radio DJ in robbery attempt."

Like the renaming of the Susupe Beach Park, such a fitting title deserves the action of our two representatives from Precinct 2—Ralph Demapan and John Paul Sablan—to come up with a resolution proclaiming Susupe and Chalan Kanoa as the "Crime Capital" and appropriation for a large sign to be erected.

I think it's only fitting that a sign be constructed and the wording of the sign should say: Welcome to the beautiful village of Susupe and Chalan Kanoa—Saipan's Crime Capital—Enter at your own risk!

It's no secret that for more 15 years, our village has had one of the highest crime rates compared to other villages throughout the island but no serious attempts from our elected leaders has ever been made to appropriate more funding for DPS or non-government organizations for youth activities to help deter criminal activities.

Instead, voters have been sympathetic and fed the same political posturing lines for more than 15 years from the same politicians and former politicians promising that change will happen only to find out that they were lied to in seven straight elections.

How can we deter crime when the crime being committed with drugs, violations of endangered species act, fraud, misuse of government funding, and obstruction of justice are being committed by our very own elected lawmakers turned lawbreakers!

I would like to thank DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero for finally pointing out 15 years of what was plainly obvious. I just hope that voters open their eyes in 2014 and vote for something other than mediocrity.

Danny Aquino
Susupe, Saipan

Blatant lies

The Catholic Church is not a democracy. It was established by God to guide, teach, and sanctify people. God teaches His truths and law to the Pope who in turn teaches the people. The Bible likens the people as sheep, who follow and don't question their shepherds. Lying to God and his Church has absolutely no effect on His law and His will. It only evokes His wrath and his punishment.

Diane Winston, the editor of the *Oxford Handbook on Religion and the American News Media*, writes some blatant lies in her commentary published in your newspaper on Aug. 7, 2013. First, she says, "I leave it to Catholic scholars and theologians to explain why [Pope] Francis can all but countermand Benedict's directives on gays but not John Paul's on women."

Pope Francis did not countermand Pope Benedict's directives. Pope Francis' comments about not judging gays were taken directly from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which Pope Benedict XVI helped publish and which Pope John Paul II approved.

Next Winston says that the ban for women's priesthood has been the cause of the decline of vocations for nuns and of the problems of sexism, misogyny and exploitation. But the ban has been in effect for almost 2,000 years, and to say that it now has caused trafficking occur because the Church refused to ordain women? What a lie!

Before the rise of these "We are the Church" activists, women had played a great role in the Church. Three women were each honored as "Doctor of the Church," a title ascribed to a select few. Many women have been canonized as saints. Messages from heaven were given mostly to women. The messages of the end of the world were given to women, such as Sister Agnes Sasagawa of Akita, Japan, Christina Gallagher of Ireland, Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima, B1. Hildegard of Germany, Anne Marie Taigi, and many others. God has been more pleased with women because they are willing to suffer pain for His sake and that is why they occupy a favored spiritual position in the Church.

Reynaldo O. Yana
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

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a blizzard of mandates and regulations that will make healthcare more costly. Moreover, Obama has given exemption to members of Congress and their staff from partaking.

There are now two sets of rules under the same law: Exemption of congressional members and staffs, and non-exemption for the rest of the country.

"But the President may not decline to follow a statutory mandate or prohibition simply because of policy objections," according to a court decision.

Moreover, it's a policy that would force two other issues against people all over the fruited plain: 1). Force health premiums to increase between 30-40 percent per studies by independent analysts. 2). Deny patients access to healthcare providers of their choice. The increase is huge in states like Florida (71 percent), California (84 percent) and another state (160 percent). More taxes and regulations, the latter engaging in a struggle to control million-plus moving parts, would only inflict greater economic hardship on everyone.

Furthermore, some 18,000 folks here don't have health insurance for obvious reasons. For those with policies, navigating the 30-40 percent increase could just as well prompt opting out altogether too. Utility rates will increase in October. You deduct 56 percent from your salary. The balance is your take-home pay. You do the math to figure out the beast. Call it adding to the cost of living!

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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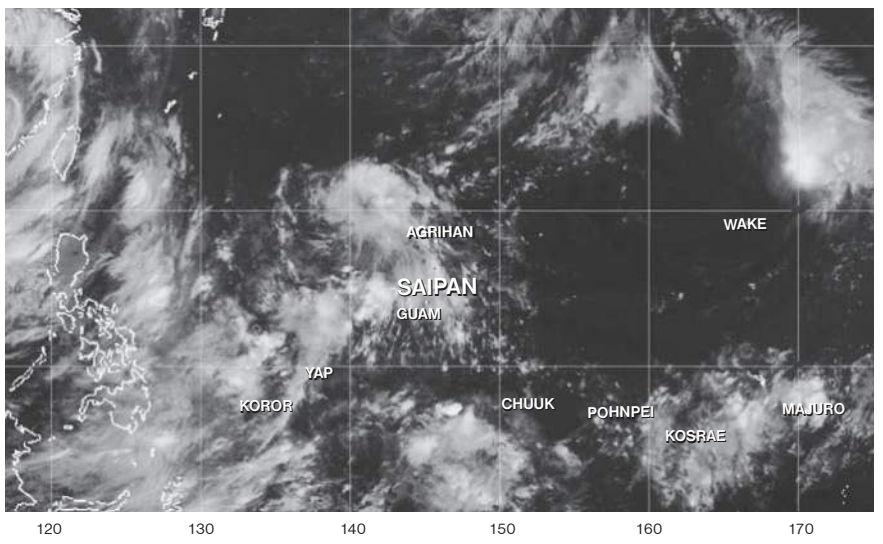
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲84	▼75
Yap	Showers	▲89	▼76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲62	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲93	▼64
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼63
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲64	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼63
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
Paris	Sunny	▲85	▼63
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼68
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲86	▼71
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲89	▼78
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼67

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Pewa (01C) is northeast of Wake Island near 23N169E and moving north-northwestward at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Showers and thunderstorms are near and up to 150 miles northeast of Pewa and scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are farther northeast of Pewa within 150 miles of a line from 18N180 to beyond 25N171E. For more information on Tropical Storm Pewa, see advisories issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and National Weather Service under header WTPQ31 PGUM. A weak circulation is centered just southeast of Yap at 7N141E with a surface trough northward to end near 20N142E and another surface trough southeastward to end southeast of Chuuk at 4N154E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Northern Mariana Islands are within 150 miles of a line from 21N141E to 14N147E and north of Yap within 100 miles of a line from 14N141E to 11N136E. Converging northwest winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Palau west of a line from 13N133E to EQ140E while converging southwest winds are producing scattered heavy showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Chuuk between 7N and the equator from 145E to 152E. Trade-wind convergence is causing widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Kosrae across the Marshall Islands within 250 miles of a line from 5N162E to 8N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:07 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
9:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:23 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
10:29 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM
Monday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:07 AM	7:46 AM
Saturday	8:51 AM	8:42 AM
Sunday	9:35 AM	9:36 AM
Monday	10:20 AM	10:28 AM
Tuesday	11:05 AM	11:20 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
OZ1077	4:50am	7:10am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
DL583	5:50am	8:30am	2, 5, 6
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ612	3:40am	7:20am	Daily
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
OZ1087	10:00pm	2:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
DL582	8:30pm	1:00am+1	1, 4, 5
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ611	9:10pm	2:40am+1	Daily
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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
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UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
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Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The right to bear arms in the CNMI

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides all law-abiding American citizens the right to bear arms. The term "arms" refers to rifles, shotguns, and handguns legal for ownership as listed under the guidelines of the federal government's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Since the effective date of our Covenant in 1978, the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has applied to the CNMI, along with those amendments and laws specified by Article 5 of our Covenant. These are our rights, not privileges and the fact is our Second Amendment rights have been infringed and suppressed since the 6th CNMI Legislature introduced Public Law 6-38, what we commonly refer to as the Weapons Control Act. This was codified into Title 6 CMC. This act banned handguns, rifles with calibers larger than .22, and shotguns larger than .410 gauge by making them and their ammunition contraband. Why? This is absolutely wrong and we cannot and should not tolerate this injustice.

Our Weapons Control Act has to be amended and the provisions in question need to be repealed in order for our laws to be consistent with and recognize the supremacy of federal law as well as legal precedents with regards to gun ownership. We have to acknowledge and understand that two landmark cases by the U.S. Supreme Court specifically ruled handguns as part of the arms we have the right to bear. These are the cases involving the *District of Columbia vs Heller* and *Chicago vs McDonalds.*

Our constitutional right to bear arms has to be upheld in the CNMI. Anything less would be a travesty of justice. By the way, the need to repeal the prohibitive provisions of our Weapons Control Act also presents an opportunity to strengthen our laws pertaining to gun ownership by mandating the proper background checks and collection of bullet samples for a forensics database, zero tolerance, as well as the provision of a grace period to allow for the registration of all firearms in the possession of our residents. While we are at it, we can stiffen the penalties for crimes committed with a firearm. The idea is to allow the unrestricted application and enjoyment of our Second Amendment rights while making our laws tougher for criminals, not law-abiding citizens.

For once, let us not get too fixated on the irrelevant arguments that many will wrongfully associate with this constitutional right. We need to stop the blame game and demand that our rights be honored by our government not suppressed by ignorance. Hanging on to blind utopian ideals does not provide justice to our men and women who have served or currently serving in the U.S. military and especially those who gave their lives in defense of the U.S. Constitution. And it certainly doesn't do justice to our status as Americans.

I challenge the members of our Legislature to rise above petty politics, cast aside their personal opinions and fears, and do the right thing. Amend our Weapons Control Act now instead of waiting for the Judiciary to correct a major problem created by our Legislature. Avoiding it altogether will not make it go away but instead perpetuate the fallacy that we are second class U.S. citizens. We are not and we deserve better.

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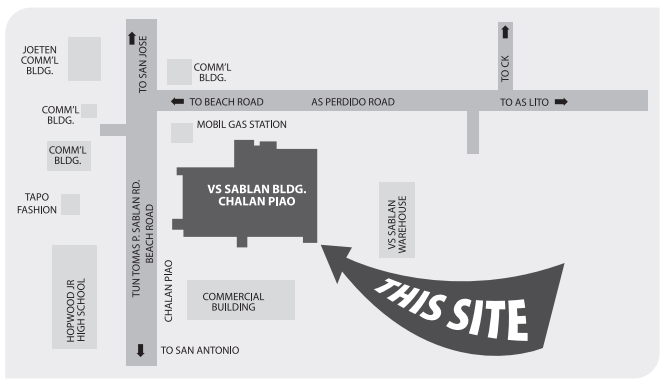

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Development of real estate fuels the economy of many places around the world and greed in this sector is predicated on the ownership of land rather than the equitable stewardship of the same. The bubble burst in the housing sector in the U.S. in 2007 was a financial Ponzi scheme, and the numerous ghost towns of China shows the continuous construction of an illusory pyramid for as long as investors keep paying up with everyone's retirement fund.

Social stratification favors those who own real estate, and while semblance of meritocracy toward upward mobility through education is in vogue, the sad truth is that existing policies favor the privileged and those who already sit at the edge of advantage.

The immigration debate is instructive. Like the previous movements to get women their rights, and the birthing of the struggles versus gender biases, the calcified privilege of landowners are staking Alamo defenses to stem the mass of humanity moving into territories without first securing proper documentation. Instead of focusing on improving the documentation process, we build holding camps on Christmas Island as a deterrent to boat people and wetbacks.

Pray tell, by what right does Australia have to stop Southern Asians from migrating to the land it grabbed from the aborigines less than two centuries ago, or the USofA have on the border folks across the Pecos and the Rio Grande who used to own the land only a couple of centuries back? Austria-Hungary married the Ottoman Empire so why be surprised at Turk proles in Frankfurt? The Dutch gathered spice in the Moluccas and Amsterdam worries about its Indo plebes!?! The Brits in the Indus and Ganges valleys had their footlockers carried on their tramping around Hindustan (stopping for tea around the Deccan plateau) and the French languished in the hammock as their weeds were handrolled in Indochina while scented riff-raffs fanned the humid air. Now we worry about the lilting accents in London and Paree!

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Back-to-school promos offer huge discounts

With the start of classes in public schools just around the corner, retailers in the CNMI are giving everyone a big reason to shop for school supplies now, with promotions promising huge savings.

National Office Supply, for instance, is offering 30 percent discount on all regular priced items for its Super Back-to-School Sale that ends on Sept. 15. The promotion doesn't include items already on sale.

Not about to be outdone is Modern Stationary, which is guaranteeing the lowest prices for school supplies on-island with its 30-50 percent sale until Sept. 13. An additional 10 percent off is offered for school bags and flash drives.

Those looking to outfit their children with new clothes for the new school year can also shop locally.

Joeten Shopping Center has great savings throughout its sprawling Susupe store with boys screen print tees and girls character T-shirts starting at $5.99 and boys plaid cargo shorts and girls denim shorts at $9.99 and $8.99, respectively.

Aside from a new wardrobe for school, Joeten Shopping Center is also offering discounts on items for infants. The sale starts today, Aug. 23, and ends on Sept. 4.

Islands Apparel is also having a back-to-school tent sale from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 at its parking lot in Puerto Rico. The sale is from 9am to 5am and while supplies last.

Judy's Antique Shop along Middle Road in Garapan is also joining the bandwagon with its back-to-school promo. Stylish handbags are only $15, while long pants, jackets, and shoes can be bought for as low as $3. All kinds of T-shirts are also a bargain at $2 apiece and there are all sorts of items for as low as $1.

Parents can also finally grant their teenagers' wish for a new phone with Docomo Pacific's back-to-school sale.

Samsung Galaxy Y and Samsung Galaxy Chat are free and Samsung Galaxy Ace II and Samsung Galaxy S III Mini are only $99 apiece by enrolling in Docomo Pacific's Clear 1000 Plan SMS & Max Data for only $49.95 a month. The deal is for two years, some conditions apply, and until supplies last.

IT&E is not far behind with its Student Plan, which for only $25 offers 100 talk minutes and unlimited texting and data. And to top it off, there is no deposit required.

The telecommunications company will also hold a Back 2 School Dance Party on Sept. 14 at the GIG Discoteque.

Saipan Computer Center has been on back-to-school mode since it started giving away a free ASUS MeMo Pad for every purchase of a brand name laptop or desktop system last Aug. 1. The promotion is until Aug. 31.

Dial Rent-to-Own's Back-to-School Blowout Sale, meanwhile, is offering a 50" to 60" smart TV for as low as $30.95 a week and an all-in-one desktop computer for $15.95 a week. Dial Rent-to-Own is advising everyone to hurry on down and take advantage of their promotion as supplies are limited. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Study fliers, websites for back-to-school bargains

By NEDRA RHONE
THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

This year, families with school-age children will spend an average of $635 on back-to-school shopping. That's a little less than they spent last year, according to the National Retail Federation's 2013 Back-to-School Survey.

Though parents are shopping earlier than ever—24 percent of families with kids in grades K-12 have already started their back-to-school shopping—they also are shopping smarter by searching online for deals on everything from clothing and accessories to shoes and school supplies.

People are more conscious of their budgets and expenditures, and therefore more price sensitive, says Jon Lal, founder of BeFrugal.com, where shoppers can find coupons, cash back and more for back-to-school shopping. Shopping early is helpful because it allows you time to create a plan. Before you do anything else, start with a list, Lal says.

"Making a list gives you a chance to think about what you need and don't need," Lal says. As you list items, ask yourself if there is a substitute. For example, do you have spare bedsheets at home or a laptop that can be upgraded for your college-bound student? Try to create the list on your computer so you can add links to websites and coupons right next to each item on your list.

While you are compiling your list, Lal suggests getting feedback from friends, relatives and neighbors with children older than yours who attend the same schools. They may be able to offer insight on what is really necessary, and they also may have hand-me-downs they can give you.

Once you've made your list and eliminated items you can get through other means, decide which of the remaining items have strict specifications. Do you need a particular brand or style of the item such as with clothing or laptops? Or are you looking for things like pencils and notebooks that can be generic? For the items that are specific, start shopping now, Lal says. For general items, hold off until the end of the season when retailers are closing out on back-to-school merchandise and you'll get even better deals.

Now decide what you need to buy in-store and which items you can purchase online. Either way, use the Web to view store fliers and compare prices on the items you want.

Lal suggests shopping online as much as possible, because it is easier to stick to your list, it is more convenient, and coupons and cash-back offers are at your fingertips. "You are done in a minute and can save a significant amount of money," he says. Shoppers on BeFrugal.com, for example, get an average of 7 percent cash back on purchases from a range of retailers.

For offline shopping, look beyond the traditional retailers. Yard sales, warehouse clubs, outlet malls and discount retailers also are good sources for a range of back-to-school items.

And remember to take advantage of your state's sales tax holiday. Shoes and clothing, school supplies, and some tech items are for sale tax-free in many states. Check here for yours: http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/rate/sales_holiday.html

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SONGGAY'S BOUTIQUE

Uniqueness is its calling card

Have you come dressed up to nines for a party only to find out that someone there is also wearing your outfit? If so, you need to change your shopping habits and buy your new wardrobe at Songgay's Boutique.

Songgay's Boutique, named after its part-owner Michelle Villaraza, prides itself with its one-of-a-kind clothing items that are especially imported from the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

Villaraza said she opened the clothing shop last April 23 after she had had enough of friends complaining that there are just not enough options when it comes to buying clothes on Saipan.

Among the more known brands that Songgay's Boutique carries, she said, are Sakaya, Paper Dolls, Samlin, Bayo, Dickies, JagThug, Penshoppe, Bench, and Moose Gear for kids.

Unlike other clothing stores on island, Villaraza said her customers can rest assured that the T-shirts, blouses, dresses, pants, skirts, or shorts they buy from Songgay's Boutique are unique and one of a kind.

Aside from clothes, Songgay's Boutique also sells bags, shoes, sandals, and other accessories.

And starting today, Aug. 23, until Sept. 23 is the best time to shop at Songgay's Boutique as it is having a monthlong back-to-school sale that offers 20 percent discount on all clothes and bags.

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Infinity 8 Saloon & Spa currently has a "Swak sa Budget" $30 packages promotion.

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Songgay's Boutique is having a back-to-school starting today that is offering 20 percent off on all clothes and bags.

Songgay's Boutique is located in Oleai, San Jose. For more information, call 234-2808.

Infinity 8, Songgay's House of Beauty

Aside from her clothing store, Villaraza also manages Infinity 8 Salon & Spa and Songgay's House of Beauty. Both are located inside the RNV Bldg. along Beach Road in Garapan.

Like Songgay's Boutique, the establishments are also running a simultaneous promotion.

For Infinity 8 Saloon & Spa, Villaraza is offering "Swak sa Budget" $30 packages that consists of Package A (body scrub, body massage, and foot spa), Package B (body massage, deep cleansing facial, and foot spa), and Package C (deep cleansing facial, hair spa, and foot spa).

Infinity 8 Salon & Spa is open from 11am to 8pm. Customers are encouraged to set appointments.

Songgay's House of Beauty, meanwhile, is having 50 percent off on all its Elvie Pineda products. It also sells Joel Cruz fragrances like Aficionado for only $ 8 and J-series scents for only $ 5.

Gift certificates are also available at Infinity 8 Salon & Spa and Songgay's House of Beauty.

For appointments and for more information about Infinity 8 Salon & Spa and Songgay's House of Beauty, call 233-2808 or 989-5057. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Back to school may mean going back to the eye doctor

By GRACIE BONDS STAPLES
THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

With the beginning of a new school year, parents' thoughts naturally turn to shopping: new clothes, new binders and No. 2 pencils.

And while eye checkups may not fall on their collective "to do" lists, perhaps it should — roughly 80 percent of a child's learning is done visually.

A comprehensive eye exam, experts say, is an important investment to help maximize a child's education and contribute to overall health and well-being, especially since some vision problems may not have warning signs.

"Unfortunately, parents and educators often incorrectly assume that if a child passes a school screening their vision is fine," said Dr. Glenda Brown, president of the Georgia Optometric Association ((www.GOAeyes.com) and optometrist in practice at Thomas Eye Group in Suwanee, Ga. Brown said one in four children has an undiagnosed vision problem simply because the child may not recognize that his or her eyesight isn't optimal or is changing.

We asked Brown to answer three questions parents might have related to eye health:

Q: What are the best times for a child to get an eye exam?

■ Children should have an initial exam at age 6 months, and then again at age 3 to 4. School-age children should have an eye exam yearly. But in pre-puberty, as children start their quick-growth periods, they sometimes need eye checkups every six months.

■ Back-to-school time is when parents often schedule the yearly eye exam as they are trying to make sure the child is ready to learn, and excellent vision is an important part of being able to learn.

■ For younger children, coming in early in the day for their exam will enable the doctor to get the best responses.

■ During the school year, many children are scheduled for eye exams later in the day, so that when they get their eyes dilated it will not affect the school day.

Q: What should parents be asking their child's eye doctor?

A: Here's what to ask:

■ For what tasks or during how much of the day should my child wear glasses?

■ What can be done to keep my child from getting eyestrain working on a computer or reading?

■ When should I bring my child back for the next checkup?

■ Are my child's headaches related to his or her eyes?

■ Can you give a prognosis or prediction as to how and when my child's vision may change?

■ Is there anything that can be done for my child who frequently rubs his or her eyes?

■ Do I need to be concerned about my child closing one eye outside?

■ Are there any exercises my child can do to help reduce eyestrain?

■ How necessary is it for my child to wear sunglasses outside?

■ Do you think the medications that my child is taking could have side effects on vision?

■ When can my child start wearing contact lenses?

■ Does my child need to wear glasses for sports?

Q: What are your best tips for preventing eyestrain?

■ Have a comprehensive eye exam during which the eyes are fully dilated. This enables your optometrist to check for Myopia (nearsightedness), Hyperopia (farsightedness) or astigmatism.

■ Assuming the child is seeing the best he or she can, a good tip is the 20-20-20 rule. After 20 minutes of close work, take a 20-second break by looking 20 feet away.

■ It is very important to have correct posture when reading a book or using a computer. Hold the book with the arms making a 90-degree angle and at least 12 inches away. The computer screen should be in a downward position, never above, and should be no more than an arm's length away.

■ Lighting is extremely important. Parents should ask the teacher about the lighting conditions in the classroom. Often, when teachers are using interactive boards, the room lights are turned down and this may make it hard for students to see at their desks.

■ It is important for there to be no glare on the computer screen or book. Glasses that have an anti-reflection coating are very helpful for this situation.

Safe walking tips for youth

Walking is awesome—it's free, it's great exercise, and you can do it to get almost anywhere. You can visit your friend, travel to school, the movies, shopping, worship, museums, or sporting events.

What's not awesome is when young people are killed or injured while walking. So here are some important things to remember so you stay safe and healthy.

Safety tips for crossing the street

Stop at the curb or the edge of the road if there is no curb.

Stop and look left, then right, then left again for moving cars before you step into the street.

If you see a car, wait until it goes by. Then look left, right, left again until no cars are coming.

If a car is parked where you are crossing, look to make sure there is no driver and that the car is not running.

Next, go to the edge of the car and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming.

When no cars are coming, walk—do not run—across the road. Keep looking left-right-left for cars while you are crossing.

Thing's to remember when walking

Always walk on the sidewalk facing traffic. Walk on the sidewalk if there is one. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk on the road, walk facing traffic.

Cross streets at corners or in crosswalks. Cross where pedestrians are expected. Follow pedestrian signs and signals, always watching for traffic to ensure you are seen.

Be safe. Be seen. Brightly colored clothing makes it easier for drives to see you during the daytime. At night, use a flashlight or wear reflective material on your shoes, cap, and jacket or on your arms or legs that bounce the car's lights off you and back to the driver. This light cautions the driver that there's something or someone moving and they should slow down and be careful.

Be aware of traffic. Don't be distracted by using electronics. Be aware. Stay focused!

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Calming the first-day-of-school jitters

By KERI HOUCHIN
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Children naturally worry about going back to school. Parents do, too. There is something about the unknown, even if it's just a new grade in the same school, that bothers just about every child.

We talked with Lisa M. Elliott, a licensed psychologist and clinic manager at Cook Children's Medical Center; Cynthia Bethany, a licensed clinical social worker and critical incident specialist for the Fort Worth school district; and Kathryn Everest, the director of guidance and counseling for the Fort Worth school district, about how parents can help ease their students' back-to-school nerves.

1. "Be sure to attend any type of school orientation day," says Elliott. Most schools offer a meet-the-teacher night so that students can acclimate themselves to the new environment.

Spend some time talking to the teacher and familiarizing yourself with the new classroom. This will also give your child a chance to see who will be in her class.

"If you are concerned that your child does not feel comfortable with their new teacher, be sure to speak to your child's teacher in the first few weeks to help facilitate a closer relationship," Elliott suggests.

2. Ease into your new routine, starting a few weeks before the first day. Summer is often more laid-back, but the school year should have a set schedule.

"Start getting a good night's sleep," recommends Bethany.

Slowly get back into an earlier bedtime with less television and video game play. Rather than making a big change all at once, move bedtime a few minutes earlier each night.

Elliot also recommends going a step further: "Help your child prepare mentally for school by reading more, practice math facts and engage in other fun academic-related games."

3. "Talk about what to expect," recommends Bethany. The social and environmental challenges are often more daunting than the academic ones.

Older kids will have more responsibilities, but make sure you have reasonable expectations as a parent. Tell your child about your own experiences in school. No matter how old you are, your child will find your stories fascinatingly "old-fashioned."

Ask your child to tell you what he enjoyed best about the previous year and give him the chance to reminisce.

4. Listening to your child's fears is important, says Everest. No matter what your child is worrying about, take the time to stop and listen to him. Rather than telling him not to worry, assure him that his fears are valid.

"Don't be too quick to rescue them," she says.

Your child needs to be able to work through minor issues on his own. However, you can ask what you can do to help and then make that happen.

5. Involve your child in supply shopping. Crowded stores and waiting in lines may not sound like much fun.

However, letting kids choose some of the supplies will "help them to take ownership," says Elliot. Even if you have a fairly specific list, your child can choose items in her favorite color or a lunch box with her favorite cartoon characters.

6. Stay positive. If you had a bad school experience or your child has in the past, it is important not to pass that negativity on to your child, cautions Bethany.

"Our children often take their cues from us as parents," says Elliott. Focus on what is most comforting, whether that is something new and exciting or old and reliable.

7. Plan the first day. You do not want to forget things or be rushed.

"Organization can often help ease your child's concerns," says Elliot. She recommends laying out clothes and packing lunches the night before.

8. Be informed. Parents are not immune to first-day jitters, but knowing what your child is doing will make it easier.

"Arm yourself with plenty of information," says Bethany. The teacher will send home lots of paper work that should be kept and organized so that you can refer to it with questions.

Make sure you have contact information and know how your child's teacher prefers to be contacted.

9. Send a photo or notes. For young children or those with separation anxiety, send a photo that can be kept in the locker or pencil box.

"A very helpful tool is to place a family photo in a photo keychain that they can attach to their backpack," Elliott suggests.

Your child can check in with your smiling face whenever he is feeling anxious. A short note in the lunchbox will also brighten your child's day. Even for those too young to read, a cute doodle or "I (heart) U" is perfect.

10. Set goals for the year. Ask your child what he or she is looking forward to most,says Elliot. Create a list of things your child wants to accomplish this year, such as honor roll or a certain number of Accelerated Reader points.

When the goal is met, celebrate it.

My choice…Their ride

FACT: School buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and preventing injury.

School buses have crush standards, size and height; flashing red lights; cross-view mirrors; bright color; reinforced sides; stop sign arms; and well-trained and screened drivers.

School bus drivers are trained in student behavior management, participate in pre-employment and random drug/alcohol testing; have frequent driving record checks; trained in loading and unloading; trained in security procedures; and trained in emergency medical procedures

Today's school buses are built with safety in mind. They are tougher, cleaner and more diligently maintained than ever before. School bus drivers are required to receive special security and medical training, and undergo regular drug and alcohol testing to provide a safe ride for your child. And school bus traffic laws are strictly enforced. *Source: American School Bus Council*

FACT: School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school.

The annual average student fatalities during normal school travel hours are:

Traveling by teen driver (58 percent)
Traveling by adult driver (23 percent)
Traveling by school bus (1 percent)

Students are about 50 times more likely to arrive at school alive if they take the bus than if they drive themselves or ride with friends. But did you also know that your child is much safer riding the bus than being driven by you? Add in the environmental and financial benefits, and it's hard to find a reason to send your kids to school any other way. *Source: U.S. Department of Transportation*

FACTS: School buses keep an annual estimated 17.3 million cars off roads surrounding schools each morning.

Every school bus is equivalent to 36 cars, resulting in a national savings of 2.3 billion gallons of fuel, $6 billion, and 44.6 billion lbs of CO2

Imagine a world with less traffic, cleaner air, and more affordable transportation. These are just some of the benefits that school bus ridership provides. While school buses are one of the safest ways to send your kids to school, there are many good reasons that make them a growing choice among parents for their children's school commute. Find out what you don't know about school bus ridership. Learn the facts and play it safe. Visit schoolbusfacts.com for more information. *Source: American School Bus Council*

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Skip the sandwich and pack a chef-created lunch to school

By CELESTINA BLOK
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

The humble sandwich is nearly a no-brainer when it comes to back-to-school lunchbox options. It's easy and portable, and most kids like the simple flavors of ham and cheese or PB&J.

Yet it often can be uninteresting and unhealthy, likely made with processed meats and cheeses or sugary peanut butter mashed between flavorless slices of refined-grain bread, thrown together in the morning by harried parents who may lack the time to be more creative.

By lunchtime, too, a sandwich can be soggy; half or more may end up in the trash can.

To add variety, excitement and nutrients to your children's lunchbox menu this year, consider these recipes provided by four chefs who have school-age kids of their own. The mini meals, some of which could double as dinner the night before in larger portions, provide a means for sneaking in fruits, vegetables and legumes in a tasty, finger-licking way—sure to make your child's lunchtime almost as fun as recess.

"I try to put together familiar things they like," Kevin Martinez says of prepping lunch for his two sons, Eli, 4, and Alex, 2. "My kids love peaches, and they like granola bars. So I'll roast peaches while they're in season and mix them with granola and sesame seeds, and it all sticks together. Since most schools have a no-nut policy, this makes a good, healthy snack."

The Tokyo Cafe chef says kids like to play with their food, and anything they can pick up and eat with their little fingers, like his sticky-sweet Japanese meatballs, make for a fun lunchtime meal. And if your child begs for store-bought gelatin desserts, make a preservative-free version without artificial flavors or colors using Martinez's easy recipe.

A back-to-school alternative at Tokyo Cafe in Fort Worth, Texas, contains Japanese style meatballs, chocolate jello and sauteed peaches wth granola and berries.
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

JAPANESE MEATBALLS WITH TARE SAUCE

Makes approximately 16 meatballs

¾ pound 80/20 ground beef
¼ pound ground pork
2 tablespoons fresh ginger, chopped
2 tablespoons garlic, minced
½ cup chopped white onion
1 egg
2 tablespoons soy sauce
Salt and pepper, to taste

1. In a medium bowl, mix all ingredients together. Form into small, quarter-size balls. Allow meatballs to chill in fridge until firm.

2. Saute meatballs over medium heat until golden brown, then toss with tare sauce (recipe follows).

Nutritional information per meatball: 87 calories, 7 grams fat, 1 gram carbohydrates, 5 grams protein, 35 milligrams cholesterol, 159 milligrams sodium, trace dietary fiber, 72 percent of calories from fat.

TARE SAUCE

Makes approximately 2/3 cup
2 ounces sugar
2 ounces soy sauce
5 ounces water

Cook all ingredients in a small sauce pot over medium heat until the mixture has the consistency of maple syrup.

Nutritional information per 1-tablespoon serving: 25 calories, trace fat, 6 grams carbohydrates, trace protein, no cholesterol, 324 milligrams sodium, trace dietary fiber, 0 percent of calories from fat.

WHITE SESAME AND FRESH PEACH 'COBBLER'

Makes 4 servings

2 fresh peaches, peeled, pits removed and cut into small wedges
1 tablespoon white sesame seeds
2 ounces apple-cinnamon granola (found at Central Market)
1 ounce sweetened banana chips
½ cup fresh berries of choice

1. In a small nonstick pan, cook peaches over medium heat, adding sesame seeds after peaches start to soften. Remove from heat.

2. Combine cooked peaches and remaining ingredients in a bowl and mix well with a wooden spoon until mixture sticks together.

Nutritional information per serving: 145 calories, 7 grams fat, 19 grams carbohydrates, 3 grams protein, no cholesterol, 2 milligrams sodium, 4 grams dietary fiber, 43 percent of calories from fat.

CHOCOLATE GELATIN

Makes 3 servings
3 cups water
2 cups 2-percent milk
6 ounces Toll House milk chocolate chips
1 packet agar agar powder (found at Central Market)

1. Heat water, milk and chocolate chips in sauce pot. Once simmering, add agar agar. Simmer for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

2. Turn off heat and pour mixture into molds of choice. Chill until firm.

Nutritional information per serving: 372 calories, 21 grams fat, 42 grams carbohydrates, 9 grams protein, 25 milligrams cholesterol, 128 milligrams sodium, 2 grams dietary fiber, 48 percent of calories from fat.

— Tokyo Cafe, 5121 Pershing Ave., Fort Worth, 817-737-8568; www.tokyocafefw.com

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Back to School/Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Awareness Month

August 01 – 31, 2013

Family Safety Rules for Bicycle Riding

Follow these rules when you ride your bicycle:

- Always wear a bicycle helmet—every time you ride!
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as other vehicles. The bicycle is a vehicle. Bicyclists and drivers follow the same rules of the road!
- Ride a bicycle that fits you and has working parts.
- Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- Be visible. Wear bright clothing and reflective materials during the day.
- If you have to ride at night, you must have white headlight in the front and red lights or reflectors on the back of your bike. Reflective material on your clothing, helmet, backpack, is helpful at dusk, dawn, in bad weather or at night.
- Always pay attention to traffic. Never use headphones or talk on cell phone while you bike.
- Avoid dangers in the road.

Follow these rules when driving around bicyclists:

- Obey all signs and signals.
- Bicyclists are allowed to ride on the roadway unless there is a sign that says no bicycles.
- Stop, wait, or pass bicycles as you would a car.

Bicyclists Make Safe Choices!

Bicycles in the roadway are considered vehicles.

Bicyclists ages 10 and older should bicycle like a vehide, on the street, in the same direction as other traffic and follow the same rules.

Sidewalks were designed for pedestrians. If you bicycle on the sidewalk:

- **Bicycle slowly and give pedestrians the right of way.**
- **Don't bike into Grandma or baby brother in hisstroller.**
- **Follow the rules for pedestrians.**
  - *Stop before crossing the street from a sidewalk to give motorists time to see you.*
  - *Make sure turning motorists see you by making eye contact.*
  - *Cross the road by walking your bicycle in the crosswalk just like a pedestrian.*

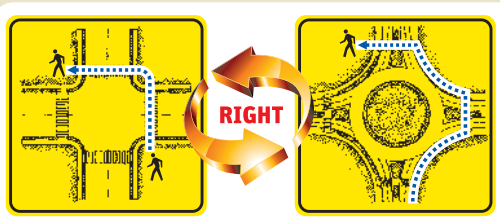
Getting to School Safely

By Walking — Crossing the Street

1. Walk to school with a group of kids and always have a responsible adult walk with you.
2. Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
3. If no sidewalk is available, walk facing the traffic.
4. The safest place to cross is at a street corner or intersection.
5. If you are 10 years old or younger, you need to cross the street with an adult. You should not cross by yourself. Ask an adult to tell you who can help you cross the street.
6. Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming. Do you know your left from your right? If you do, that is great! If you don't, here is a hint: when you hold your left hand up, your thumb and first finger will make the letter "L," and that stands for "left."
7. When no cars are coming, it is safe for you and an adult to cross. But look left-right-left as you do it, and hold the adult's hand.

By Riding Your Bicycle

1. The best and smartest bicycle riders always wear their bicycle helmets! They know that bicycle helmets will keep their heads and brains safe. Are you one of the best and smartest riders?
2. Ask an adult to make sure that your helmet fits correctly. The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that two fingers fit between it and your eyebrows. Another way to check is to put the helmet on your head and look up. If you can't see your helmet, it is too far back.
3. To ride safely, you need to know the rules of the road. Do you know what "the rules of the road" are for bicycles? If you don't, then you should not ride in traffic or without an adult.
4. When you ride your bicycle, wearing a helmet helps to keep you safe. You should also wear bright colors during the day, and right before the sun rises or sets. This makes it easier for drivers to see you, and that helps to keep you safe, too.
5. Riding at night can be dangerous. If you have to ride your bicycle at night, you should ride with an adult. You should also have a white light on the front of your bicycle and a red reflector on the back. You can also get lights and reflective materials to put on your shoes, helmet and clothing. When light hits this material at night, it glows and makes it easier for a driver to see you!
6. Practice makes you more skilled at riding your bicycle. The more skilled you are at riding, the less likely you will be to crash. Practice riding skills in an empty parking lot or a place with no traffic. Practice such things as riding in a straight line, looking over your shoulder, signaling with your hands, and starting and stopping.



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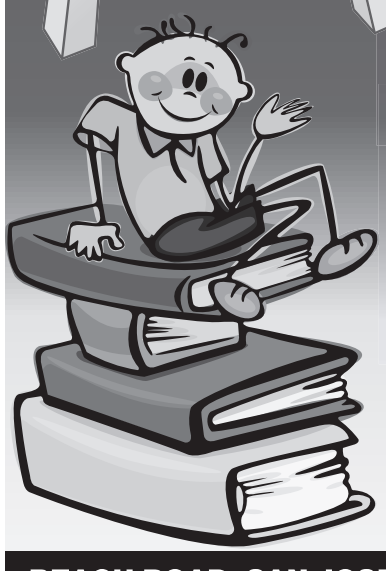

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Varying lunch items can keep things fun for kids such as this cannellini bean dip with pita chips.
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CANNELLINI BEAN DIP

Makes approximately 2 ½ cups

2 cups cooked cannellini beans, rinsed

1/3 cup sauteed shallots

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

½ teaspoon salt (chef Chandra Riccetti uses Morton's Iodized Salt, "because American diets don't have iodine," she says.)

Use a food processor or immersion hand blender to blend all ingredients together until smooth. Serve with pita chips.

Chef's tip: Use this ingredient list to make Tuscan bean soup by adding 1 quart of chicken or vegetable stock. Stir everything together, heat and serve.

Nutritional information per 1-tablespoon serving: 21 calories, 1 gram fat, 2 grams carbohydrates, 1 gram protein, no cholesterol, 27 milligrams sodium, 1 gram dietary fiber, 41 percent of calories from fat.

— The Bastion Restaurant, 2100 Hemphill St., Fort Worth, 817-913-6972; www.bastionrestaurant.com

Green chile chicken squash "sliders" as prepared by Mark Hitri, chef at Billy Bob's Texas.
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

GREEN CHILE CHICKEN SQUASH 'SLIDERS'

Makes about 6 sliders

2 cups cooked chicken, shredded or pulled (Hitri prefers chicken thighs, but use whatever is on hand.)

¼ cup finely diced onion

¼ cup finely diced celery

½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

¼ cup diced green chiles

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

2 teaspoons ground coriander

1 yellow summer squash, raw and unpeeled

1. Combine all ingredients except squash, and keep chilled.

2. Slice squash into four lengthwise strips, remove any seeds, and cut each strip into approximately three pieces to create slider "buns."

3. Assemble each slider using a scoop of green chile chicken mixture and two squash pieces.

Nutritional information per slider: 162 calories, 9 grams fat, 2 grams carbohydrates, 17 grams protein, 51 milligrams cholesterol, 137 milligrams sodium, 1 gram dietary fiber, 52 percent of calories from fat.

— Billy Bob's Texas, 2520 Rodeo Plaza, Fort Worth, 817-624-7117; www.billybobstexas.com

Grilled barbecued salmon with cucumber slices and feta crumble prepared by Vance Martin of Lili's Bistro in Forth Worth, Texas.
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

BARBECUE SALMON FILLET WITH CUCUMBERS, TOMATOES AND FETA

Serves 1

1 salmon fillet

Salt and pepper, to taste

Barbecue sauce, to taste

3 tomato slices

5 to 6 cucumber slices

Feta cheese crumbles, for garnish

1. Season salmon with salt and pepper on both sides, then coat both sides with barbecue sauce.

2. Grill until salmon is done and sauce is slightly caramelized. Allow to cool before storing in fridge overnight.

3. Season tomato and cucumber slices with salt and pepper and top with feta crumbles.

Nutritional information per serving: 240 calories, 7 grams fat, 7 grams carbohydrates, 36 grams protein, 91 milligrams cholesterol, 283 milligrams sodium, 1 gram dietary fiber, 27 percent of calories from fat.

— Lili's Bistro, 1310 W. Magnolia Ave., Fort Worth, 817-877-0700; www.lilisbistro.com

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IT&E downed by stormy weather

Heavy rains combined with a lightning storm occurred throughout the CNMI Wednesday evening. IT&E did not escape Mother Nature's wrath. Around 7pm either a hit from a lighting strike or a substantial power surge affected the company's headquarters in Susupe.

Manager for Network Services James Calderwood said that "most of our network systems rebooted successfully and as they should but a few issues persisted for several hours until around 10pm."

Supervisor for the IT&E Calling Center Fedora Camacho stated, "Some mobile calls, Internet access and long distance calls were affected for the two-hour period. But when our operators explained the lightning situation to customers they were very understanding."

Digital Switch technician Johnny Cabusi was quoted as saying, "IT&E technicians were immediately on the scene and monitored the various systems as they came back on line. They worked through the night to ensure all systems did in fact reboot properly and attended to any lingering system alert alarms."

Rob Harrell, Customer Operations, stated, "IT&E would like to apologize for any inconvenience our customers experienced during the outage and reiterated that IT&E makes every attempt at back-up precautionary measures on our network to avoid any lengthy outages." ***(IT&E)***

1 more team needed for King of the Grill

Seven teams are confirmed for tomorrow's Budweiser King of The Grill competition, which means one slot is still available for the all-island barbecue cook-off at the Godfather's Beach House at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Teams that have signed up and confirmed are They Must be Giants of Mark Hanson, Grillz Gone Wild of Ed Diaz, and teams led by Reina Camacho, Tom Thornburgh, Gary Sword, Joe Tudela, and Ricardo Villagomez.

Judges for the competition are Fiesta Resort's Nestor Duazo, Alpex-Kikoman's Angie Toto, and MARPAC sales and marketing manager James Lee.

The competition starts at 6pm. The top finisher will go home with $300. The second placer will pocket $200, while the third placer will get $100.

"I'm very excited about this weekend's BBQ competition," said MARPAC resident manager Guy Pudney. "We have eight teams battling it out to see who will become Saipan's King of The Grill. Yes, they we will win some nice prizes to include $300 cash, Budweiser BBQ Grill & Gear, three cases of Budweiser and more but I think the most important thing that they will walk away with is bragging rights. So I encourage everyone to come down to Godfather's Beach House at Fiesta Resort this Saturday with the competition starting at 6pm."

Proceeds from the event will go to the Autism Society of the CNMI. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

2 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Jeffry's Beach and Hidden Beach on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages every Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
August 1, 2013

Pursuant to Public Law 18-12, Section 3, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA), propose to issue Pension Obligation Bonds, the proceeds of which shall be used by the Government of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), to fund the payment of the Commonwealth Government's obligation to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund. CDA is an autonomous agency that has the statutory authority under CNMI Public Law 4-49, to issue pension obligation bonds in the CNMI.

CDA is requesting proposals from qualified firms to serve as its bond underwriter for the proposed financing. Proposals shall be submitted to:

Commonwealth Development Authority
P.O. Box 502149
Saipan, MP 96950
Email Address: administration@cda.gov.mp

no later than 4:00 p.m., September 3, 2013 Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). Copies of the RFP package may be obtained from the CDA office, CDA Building in San Jose, Saipan. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director at telephone nos. 234-7145/7146/6293/6245, ext. 311. The CDA reserves the right to reject any proposal that in its sole determination is not in the best interest of the CNMI Government.

/s/ Pedro I. Itibus
Chairman, Board of Directors

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-13-RFP-011

Saipan – Tinian Route Ferry Service Feasibility Study for Inter-Island Marine Public Transportation System, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Jude Hofschneider,, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms to examine and prepare the economic feasibility of establishing and developing a publicly owned and privately operated ferry service in the form of a contract with the public entity for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Inter-Island Marine Public Transportation System between the Islands of Saipan and Tinian that expands both passenger and auto services as described in the Statement of Work of this RFP.

This project is funded in whole using Federal-aid Highway funds administered under the Department of Public Works. The project funding limit authorized by the grantor shall not exceed $170,000.00 unless additional funding has been identified by the CNMI Government.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** of the regulations.

The RFP Package including consultant qualification requirements, proposal submittal requirements, and Scope of Work will be made available on or after **August 2, 2013** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center on September 3, 2013. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commerc ial Center Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time September 17, 2013.

Evaluation Criteria
Submitted proposals will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee assigned by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board, Office of the Governor based on the following four criterion with the following weights: (1) Relevant Experience and Qualifications of the firm (30%); (2) Proposed Approach (30%); (3) Schedule of Completion (20%) and Demonstrated Capacity and Ability to Perform the Work Required (20%). Proposers must submit with their proposal the required information for each criteria as further described in the Statement of Work. These ranking factors are summarized in the table below.

The total proposal submitted shall be no more than fifty (50) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Pre-Contract Requirements
Prior to being awarded a contract for professional consulting services, the firm or company must have submitted the following:

a) A valid CNMI Business License to perform such services;
b) Have a certification stating the firm has no pending federal or local court judgment(s) or cases against the firm in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
c) Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension.

The firm shall be responsible for obtaining proper licenses, permits, clearances, or authorizations for the proper execution of a contract within the CNMI as required by law.

For any contract or subcontract related to the study/analysis of any project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

Award shall be made to the firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and bear all risk concerning delivery.

Proposal Submittal
Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-RFP-011"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, September 20, 2013 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, September 20, 2013, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 20, 2013 AND must be received no later than October 1, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

These projects are funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW13-IFB-006

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude P. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids proposal for the ***Repair and Renovation of Proposed Garapan Public Market, Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan,*** Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after August 23, 2013 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a ***Pre-bid Conference*** for this project on September 03, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the Project Site, ***Proposed Farmers Market, Garapan Fishing Base,*** Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 2:30 p.m. local time on September 06, 2013 to ***Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director, Technical Services Division,*** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW13-IFB-006".** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 12, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 12, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 12, 2013, and must be received no later than September 20, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:30 a.m. local time, September 23, 2013, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. local time, on September 14, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, no cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond In the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One hundred and Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Two Hundred Dollars (US $200.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Secretary of Department of Land and Natural Resouces

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

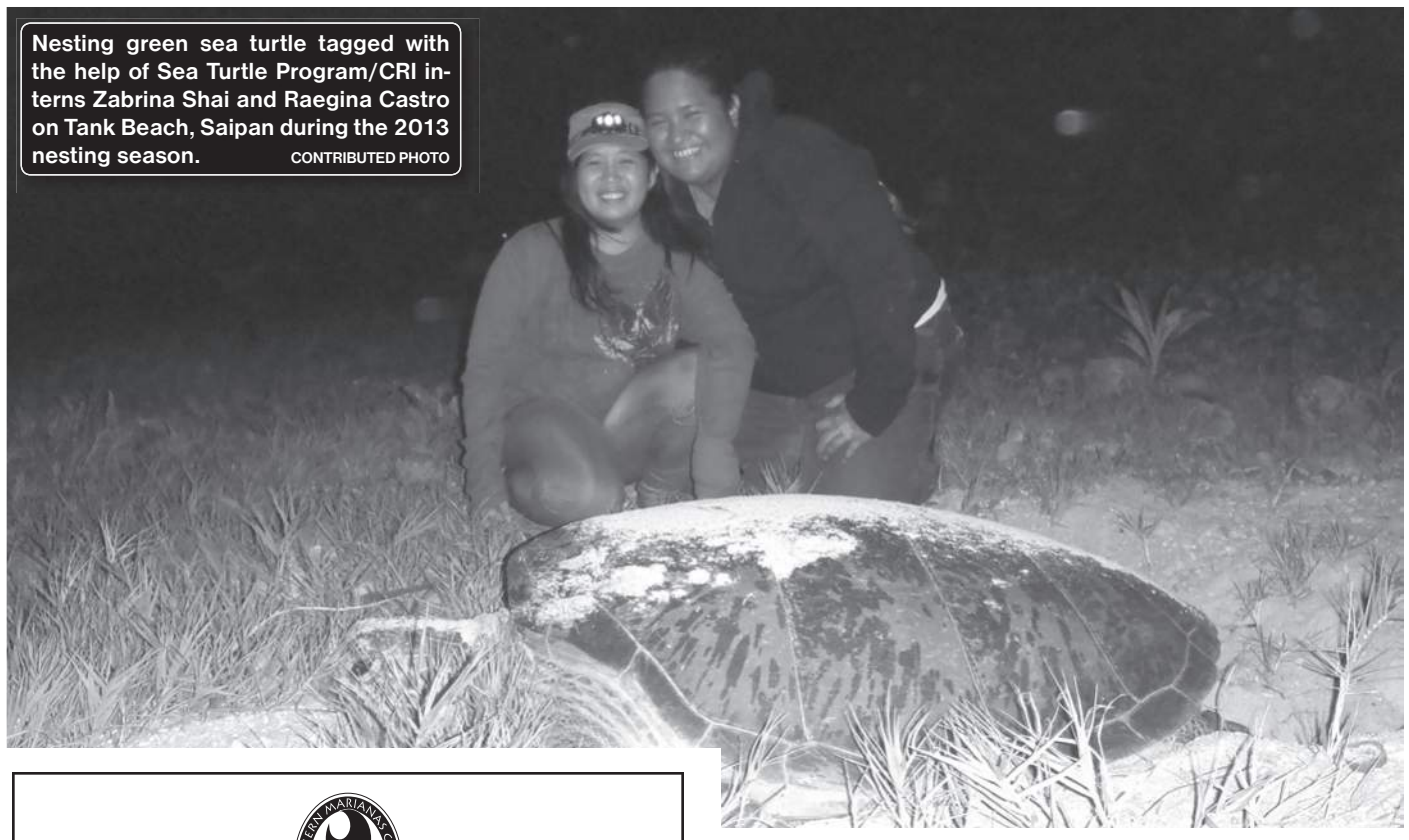
DPW's sea turtle program gets new NOAA funding

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources has been awarded a grant for the Sea Turtle Program under the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The grant, issued through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Islands Regional Office of the National Marine Fisheries Service, will provide continued support for the program's goals and objectives.

The Sea Turtle Program is committed to protecting and conserving sea turtles in the CNMI. Some of its extensive activities include morning and night nest monitoring; near-shore capture and tagging at five near-shore locations; recovery of injured, illegally hunted, or dead sea turtles; necropsy, organ tissue collection for cause of death determination, and bone sampling for age analysis. The program also aims to increase awareness of its initiatives through volunteer training and outreach efforts at schools and community events.

Since the inception of the program in 2006, a total of 554 (102 recaptures) immature green and hawksbill turtles were hand-captured, tagged, and released on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota waters. A total of 34 adult nesting green turtles were tagged on Saipan beaches. However, nearly half (15) of these turtles were removed from the CNMI nesting population via illegal hunting. Since 2008, 31 stranding recoveries have been documented, with 28 of these cases revealing injuries related to illegal hunting activities. Since 2010, 86 educational outreach events were conducted reaching an estimated 7,199 school children and workshop participants.

The program looks forward to building upon its current conservation efforts and providing public education and outreach activities for the community. To request further information regarding classroom presentations and volunteer training or if you see a stranded, sick or dead sea turtle, call our hotline number at 287-8537 (CTRTLES). ***(DLNR)***



Nesting green sea turtle tagged with the help of Sea Turtle Program/CRI interns Zabrina Shai and Raegina Castro on Tank Beach, Saipan during the 2013 nesting season. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

MEETING NOTICE

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** at the MVA Conference Room San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes - May 3, 2013 & June 11, 2013
2) **Public Comments**
3) **Committee Reports**
   1. Finance
   2. Personnel
4) **New Business**
   1. Destination Enhancement funding
   2. Vladivostok/Khabarovsk charter flight support
   3. Office Space Lease
   4. H.L.B. 18-14
   5. H.B. 18-25
5) **Old Business**
   1. Email ratification – TITF Taiwan Travel Show
6) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
7) **Executive Session**
8) **Adjournment**

/s/ **Marian Aldan-Pierce**
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

TINIAN HARBOR SEAWATER FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for design of seawater fire-fighting system for the Tinian Harbor, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. These services will include an assessment of the existing conditions and design of a new seawater fire-fighting system to be installed at the Tinian Harbor including plans, specifications and estimates for the anticipated repair work and improvements.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. A/E Design experience related to CPA projects;
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with seaport projects;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for seaport projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, September 6, 2013**.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Acting Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: August 1, 2013

NMC

NOTICE OF MEETING
NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS' REGULAR MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2013
Time: 9:30a.m
Place: Northern Marianas College
BOR Conference Room
Saipan Campus

AGENDA

I. Call Meeting to Order (9:30a.m – 9:40a.m)
- **a.** Roll Call
- **b.** Review and Adoption of Agenda
- **c.** Review and Adoption of Minutes
  1. July 31, 2013 – Regular Meeting

II. Public Comment Period: Individuals may orally testify on items on this agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes. (9:40a.m – 9:50a.m)

III. Executive Session (9:50a.m – 10:15 a.m)
(At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
- **a.** Legal Matters
- **b.** Personnel Matters
- **c.** Real Estate / Negotiations

IV. Board of Regents Report (10:15a.m – 10:45a.m)
- **a.** Board Leadership (9:50a.m. – 10:00a.m)
- **b.** BOR Standing Committees
  1. Fiscal and Budget Committee
  2. Program Committee
  3. Ad Hoc Committee
  4. Personnel and Evaluation Committee
- **c.** BOR Legal Counsel

V. NMC Executive Reports (10:45a.m – 11:00a.m.)
- **a.** NMC President's Report
- **b.** NMC Chief Financial Officer (Financial Report)
- **c.** External Relations Report/ Legislative Updates

VI. WASC Accreditation Update/ Meeting with Dr. Pamela Fisher, ACCT (11:00a.m – 1:00 p.m.)
*Includes a working lunch

VII. Old Business (1:00p.m. – 1:45p.m)
- **a.** Adopted BOR Policies from July 31st, 2013, Regular Board Meeting
- **b.** Board Policies for Consideration – Final Reading (Action Items)
  - i. Section 1000 Board Operations
  - ii. 1003: Duties of the Officers
  - iii. 1004: Compensation of Board of Regents Members
  - iv. 1005: Standing Committees of the Board
  - v. 1006: Duties of the President
  - vi. 1011: Meetings

VIII. New Business (1:45p.m – 3:45p.m)
Board Policies for Consideration – Proposed First Reading (Action Items)
- i. Section 2000-9000 College Operations
- ii. Section 4000 Student Affairs
- iii. Section 5000 Personnel
- iv. Section 7000 Financial Affairs
- v. Section 8000 Miscellaneous

IX. BREAK (4:00p.m – 4:15p.m)

X. Board Planning Session (4:30p.m. – 4:45.m)
Upcoming Board Activities
- **a. Meeting Schedule /Proposed Agenda/Comm. Referral(s) for Next Regular Meetings –** August through October 2013
- **b. ACCJC Show Cause Visit –** October 21-23, 2013

XI. BOR Evaluation (4:45p.m – 5:00p.m)

XII. Adjournment

/s/ Juan T. Lizama
BOR Chairperson

Date: August 27, 2013

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

State Health Information Technology (HIT) Meeting
Stakeholders Advisory Committee
Monday, August 26, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.
in CHCC's Conference Room 3

Agenda

I. Stakeholders Roll Call
II. Review and adoption of July 17, 2013 Meeting minutes
III. Review and adoption of Agenda
IV. Regular Business
- A. Health Information Technology (HIT) Activities Update
- B. Possible Workshops on HIT and EHRs
- C. Provider Stakeholders Update
- D. CHCC EHR Network Update
- E. Health Information Exchange Update
  1. Direct Secure Messaging RFP

V. Comments/Inputs from Stakeholders
VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements
VII. New Business
VIII. Next Meeting
IX. Adjournment

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP13-CHCC-160

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"VENDOR HOSTED DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING SYSTEM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR , DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MAY BE SENT TO **chie@tipq.net** WITH THE SUBJECT EMAIL MESSAGE BEING: **"DSM RFP QUESTION"** NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **SEPTEMBER 10, 2013.**

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT AFFECT THE ELEMENTS OF PRICE, QUALITY, AND DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT. ALL BID DOCUMENTS WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC INTERIM CEO

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-CHCC/WIC-154

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"LACTATION CONSULTANT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, W.I.C. PROGRAM"

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/S/ ESTHER L MUNA
CGCC INTERIM CEO

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

/s/ CARMEN C. CABRERA
WIC PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

July visitor arrivals soar by 21 pct.

July 2013 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were up 21 percent compared to July 2012. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 39,144 visitors in July compared to 32,478 in July 2012. The increase marks the largest percentage increase in visitor arrivals since June 2012.

Arrivals from Japan in July were essentially flat in July, down just 2 percent to 10,783 visitors. There was 6.6 percent drop in airlift, as Delta Airlines reduced its air seat supply from Narita with cancellations of the third Narita flight in July this year. This was partly compensated for by four Asiana Airlines charters from Narita with 290 seats per charter, but this was not sufficient to compensate for the shortfall created by Delta's cuts. The key travel agencies in Japan attribute the flat market from Japan to the NMI to the rapid devaluation of the Japanese yen, and the continuing difficulty agents have had securing rooms for last-minute Japanese visitors to the NMI this summer, as competition for rooms from the Korea and China markets heats up.

Arrivals from Korea rose 15 percent in July to 13,071 visitors, more than any other source market. Asiana Airlines is rotating out seven Busan to Saipan flights in June and July for regular aircraft inspection, reducing lift by 1,022 seats. However, Asiana is also boosting its Busan-Saipan flights from four times a week to daily service during the month of August targeting the summer peak season, using an Airbus 320 with 141 seats and bringing in an additional 1,833 seats to the Northern Marianas this summer. In addition, Asiana is operating daily charter flights from Incheon to Saipan from July 15 to Aug. 31 using an Airbus 321 with 177 seats, bringing an additional 8,319 seats into the NMI, ensuring continued strong growth in Korean arrivals this summer.

Meanwhile, arrivals from China jumped 49 percent in July to 11,177 visitors, in part due to an additional flight from Beijing compared to June 2012. Continued rapid growth is projected out of the China market for the remainder of this fiscal year, with travel projected to peak during the national holidays in early October. Arrivals from China have already exceeded the total number of arrivals from China for all of last fiscal year, 78,928.

Finally, arrivals from Russia more than doubled in July, jumping 127 percent to 977. The Northern Marianas has been receiving bi-weekly direct charter flights from Vladivostok from October 2012 to August 2013 and weekly charter flights from Khabarovsk since March this year, driving the rapid growth out of the Russia market, which is projected to continue for the remainder of this year. Weekly charter flights from Vladivostok will resume in October 2013. As with China, arrivals from Russia have already surpassed the total number of arrivals from Russia for all of last fiscal year, 9,641. ***(MVA)***

CCA to host Massive Bingo Bonaza on Sunday

The Commonwealth Cancer Association, in partnership with Ben Babauta and family, Mayor of Saipan, and the Division of Parks and Recreation under the DLNR, announced yesterday that it will be having a Massive Bingo Bonanza on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013. MBB and CCA staff and volunteers will be on hand at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion to raise funds for CCA programs and services.

The CCA thanks Babauta and family, Mayor Donald P. Flores of Saipan, and Division of Parks and Recreation director Eli Cabrera for their partnership in getting the word out to the community through the "Bingo Games" event, and for sponsoring the event to raise funds for CCA.

The "Massive Bingo Bonanza" is one of the fundraising events and opportunities to distribute fact sheets about cancer and at the same time encourage everyone to enjoy the game. The Bingo will take place at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion, across the Ada Gym.

The prize includes $1,000 cash guaranteed payout. The ticket is $20 for one package and each package for 10 games. The door will open at 2pm with games starting at 3pm. All proceeds will go to CCA, who encourages the community to come out and help raise funds for the important work of the organization.

You can contact the CCA at 682-0050 or by email at ccamarianas@gmail.com for tickets and information about the CCA and its programs. ***(CCA)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-028

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PREPAID METERS

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters for CUC Power Division, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of $100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-13-028, Supply & Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters",* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 9, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 23, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email at alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org & Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles.warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-026

Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines in Capitol Hill Housing Blocks 1200 and 1300, Pohnpei Way, and Isa Drive; installation of new pressure reducing valves, gate valves and fire hydrants. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $250.00 (non-refundable) at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 23, 2013** at 1:30 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.14, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-026, Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 26, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMEND FUND, Plaintiff,	]	**CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0111**
vs.	]	**SUMMONS**
NICOLAS MAREHAM NEKAI and BERNADITA MANGLONA ATALIG Defendants.	]	

TO : BERNADITA MANGLONA ATALIG

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P. O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATED, this 1st day of August, 2013.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT 4th Publication

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

TAPAN SHAHA, Petitioner,	]	**FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0365**
vs.	]	**SUMMONS**
FIANA MOSES, Respondent,	]	

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is served upon you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Tapan Shaha whose address is P.O. Box 506011, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2013:

/s/ Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MD SHAZEDUR RAHMAN, Petitioner,	]	**FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0366**
vs.	]	**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**
EDNA KILLION, Respondent,	]	

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 505775, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2013:

/s/Clerk of Court

MARK RABAGO

The 50 or so attendees of the Global Day of Prayer and Peace in the West Philippine Sea and 30th Death Anniversary of Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. pose for a group photo.

Lamkin: USP4GG inspired by Ninoy Aquino's sacrifice

Wednesday marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Philippine democracy icon and former senator Bengino "Ninoy' Aquino Jr. and a group commemorated the occasion by also holding a Global Day of Prayer for Peace in the West Philippine Sea.

U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter chair Dr. Celia Lamkin said her group is taking its cue from the sacrifices made by Aquino, whose assassination on Aug. 21, 1983, led to the ouster of dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

"Ninoy Aquino went back to the Philippines after three years of exile in the U.S. to restore democracy in the Philippines. We commemorate the anniversary of his assassination because he inspired the Filipino people to rise up against the Marcos dictatorship to restore democracy in the Philippines as proven by the People Power Revolution on Feb. 25, 1986. As a result, Filipinos proved to themselves that people have the power to change the government and do system change."

Lamkin hopes that Filipinos, including those abroad like in the CNMI, can once again unite, this time to counter the People Republic of China's intrusion into the Western Philippine Sea, which she said is clearly Philippine territory because it falls inside the country's Exclusive Economic Zone.

"His martyrdom shows that Filipino people can stand up against oppression. And if all Filipinos can unite and have one voice, we can still show that China cannot get our territories."

The Global Day of Prayer for Peace was held at the Minatchdom Atado Pavilion Wednesday night and drew a total of 50 participants.

Lamkin read a message from USP4GG national chair Loida Nicolas Lewis where she urged the crowd to fight China with "worship" and not "warships."

Rudy Francisco, a native of Palawan, which is close to Scarborough Shoal, also spoke and said that Chinese fishing boats have been entering and illegally fishing in Philippine waters for many years now.

There were also video showings about the West Philippine Sea and Ninoy Aquino's life.

Lamkin said they could've had more attendees but heavy rain resulted in a lower number of participants, unlike the July 24 rally when Saipan had one of the largest number of attendees outside of the Philippines.

"Despite not having a Chinese consulate on Saipan, there were more than a hundred participants in the July 24 protest rally against China. In the Philippines, there were more than a thousand participants; in New York, 150; San Francisco less than 500 and Saipan, more than a hundred. Protests in other countries and other U.S. cities had less than a hundred participants." ***(Mark Rabago)***

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Josephine Songsong Sablan

March 30, 1956 – August 19, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Father-in-law: †Herman Atalig Sablan
Paternal/Maternal Grandparents:
†Juan Aguon Babauta and †Concepcion Crisostimo Babauta
†Andres Manglona Songsong and †Jacoba Ayuyu Songsong
†Vicente Ayuyu and †Francisca Mendiola Ayuyu
†Benigno Olopomar Sablan and †Consolacion Atalig Sablan

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Husband: Benjamin Ayuyu Sablan
Daughter: Kimberly Songsong Sablan & *Oscar Padilla* (Benjamin Joerone & Ian Antonio)
Parents: Vicente Ayuyu Songsong and Maria Babauta Songsong
Mother-in-law: Ana Ayuyu Sablan

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Joseph B. and *Maria M. Songsong* (Ann Marie Songsong/Oscar Quitugua [Kahra], Roger Lee [Roger Lee Jr.], Carlene Songsong/Jose Pinaula [Clayton, Brandon, Blake] and Vincent & Sophia Songsong [Kylie])
Manuel B. and *Fairie L. Songsong* (Carol S. & Frank Demapan, Jr. [Christian] and Camell & Noe [Zoie]).
Ricardo B. and *Carmel R. Songsong* (Jason, Joshua, Kiana Songsong and Georgia Salas & children.
Joaquin B. and *Nancy I. Songsong* (Andrew Songsong/Jennifer Babauta [Brayden], Crystal Songsong/Donald [Christopher]).
Francisco B. and *Maryann S. Songsong* (Francisco Jr. Songsong, Mychelle Songsong/Jermaine Manglona [Eziah], Francine Songsong/James Jr. Toves [Keidan, Kuah, Leo & Luka] and Kyle Songsong).
Diego B. and *Maryjane D. Songsong* (Jacqueline, Kurt, Sheila & Gilbert Songsong).
Maryann S. and *John You* (Bernadette You)
Patricia B. Songsong and *Joseph Brian Santos* (Keo Delos Santos & Ana Manglona [Millia], Austin Delos Santos, Simon Delos Santos, Blaise Delos Santos, Chayanne Delos Santos, Keanu Delos Santos, Chantielle Delos Santos & Joseph Brian, Jr. Delos Santos)

George A. & Dolores B. Sablan, (Charlene J. & Jacob Luey [Tholman, Jaylene, Jayden], George B. Sablan Jr., Carmen B. Sablan, Dora Lynn S. & Rodney Tenorio [Mia Amber], Cecil S. and
Elmer Diaz [Noah, Alana, & Eva], and Caroline B. Sablan
†Frances S. & Jesus E. Lagadia (Jennifer S. Cavanaugh [Jeremiah], Vince Sablan/Sanivette Babauta, and Maryann S. Lagadia/Sherman Santos [Dylan]).
Belinda S. & John C. Tenorio (John, Annalyn, Marlayna & Ashley)

Caretaker: Edith Quindica

She is also survived by numerous Godchildren, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated daily at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Holy Rosary is prayed each evening at 07:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church. Last respects and visitation will start at 07:30 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Benjamin and Kimberly Sablan and Families

HHS awards UOG $140K grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' HRSA Division of Grants Management Operations has awarded a $140,000 grant to the University of Guam for the Community-Based Integrated Service Systems Building Health Through Integration Project.

The funding that supports the Community-Based Integrated Service Systems will be used to fund Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS), also known as *Project Tinituhon III*. *Project Tinituhon III* is focused on coordinating the expansion of developmental screening activities in early care and education settings statewide by connecting pediatric and other child health leaders with child care health consultants to link training and referrals among medical homes, early intervention services, child care programs and families.

"These funds will help further the progress in planning, developing, and implementing the University of Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System," said Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU). "I commend the University of Guam for their leadership on this important project. This grant will help support UOG's efforts to ensure children receive proper developmental screenings and services that will enable them to do well later in life." Dr. Robert Underwood, president of the University of Guam, said: "Project Tinituhon has been vital in supporting the well-being of our island's young children. With this grant funding, University of Guam CEDDERS will continue the important work of helping our young children have well-adjusted, healthy, productive lives." Dr. Heidi San Nicolas, UOG CEDDERS director, said: "Since 2005, Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System, known as Project Tinituhon, has made significant progress in providing services and educating stakeholders about our young children. We will continue to collaborate with stakeholders and service providers and demonstrate the importance of early care through the integration and expansion of developmental and behavioral screenings and services for young children ages birth to three years." ***(PR)***

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Elsa Banca Aldan

January 15, 1962 – August 19, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Husband: †Mariano Lizama Aldan
Parents: †Sabino Banca
†Eufracina Banca
Parents-in-law: †Mariano Castro Aldan
†Flora Lizama Aldan
Sister-in-law: †Rosalina Aldan Camacho

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Children: **Antonia Lynn B. Aldan**
Mark Anthony B. Aldan (Wynessa)
Mariann B. Aldan (Timothy)

Brothers, Sister, & In-Laws:
†Rolando Banca & children, Mario & Maria I. Banca & children, Rufina Banca & children.

Antonio L. Aldan, Luis L./Menrisa Aldan & children, Vicente L./Antonia Aldan & children, Ramon M. Camacho & children, Margarita A./Adonis Polig & children.

Special Friend: Benjamin Teada
Caregiver: Bertha U. Aldan

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each evening at 06:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. to San Vicente Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS
Children & Family

Death & Funeral Announcement

Juanita Taimanao Pangelinan

of Navy Hill was called to her eternal rest in the grace of our Lord on Monday, August 19, 2013 at Salem, Oregon at the age of 63.

In her new life, she now joins her:
Husband: †Jose SN Pangelinan (Bolis)
Father: †Ramon Taimanao (Rota)

She is survived by her:
Mother: Ana Atalig Taimanao
Children: Joaquin and Daughter (Grandchildren)
Rita/John and Daughters (Grandchildren)
Bernadita and Son
Antonio
Victoria and Children (Grandchildren)
Susana/Nick and Children (Grandchildren)
Ignacia/Adam and Daughter

Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:
Louis/Geraldine and Children (Grandchildren)
Sixto and Children
Calista/William and Children (Grandchildren)
Andrea/Jerome and Children (Grandchildren)
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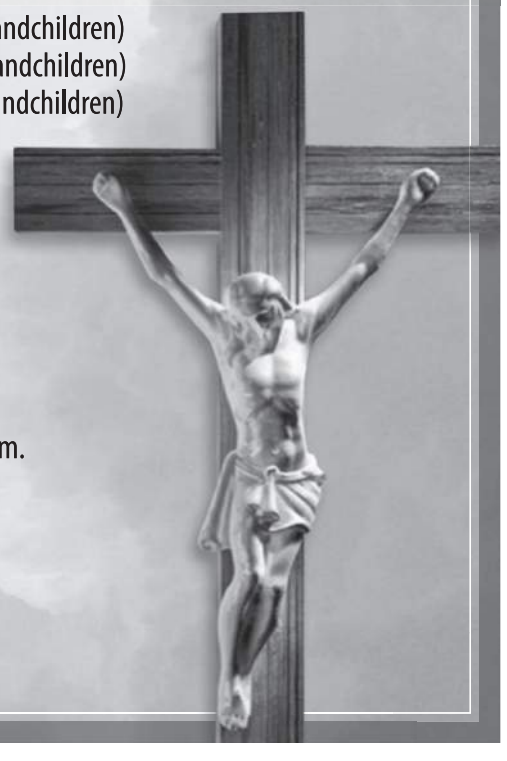
Marianne/Murphy and Children
Berlinda and Daughter



She is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Nieces & Nephews.

Mass is offered daily at Kristo Rai Church beginning Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 6:00 a.m.

Your prayers and presences are greatly appreciated.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

From the family of

Juan Castro Sablan

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one for your prayers and expression of condolences during this difficult time. We are deeply humbled by the outpour of support and generosity that you graciously extended to us. Your presence is truly appreciated and will forever be remembered.

Si Yu'us Ma'åsi', Kmal Masulang,
Thank you

Stephanie, children, Rechucher
& Sablan family

World

NSA reveals more secrets after a court order

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration has given up more of its surveillance secrets, acknowledging that it was ordered to stop scooping up thousands of Internet communications from Americans with no connection to terrorism—a practice it says was an unintended consequence when it gathered bundles of Internet traffic connected to terror suspects.

One of the documents that intelligence officials released Wednesday came because a court ordered the National Security Agency to do so. But it's also part of the administration's response to the leaks by analyst-turned-fugitive Edward Snowden, who revealed that the NSA's spying programs went further and gathered millions more communications than most Americans realized.

The NSA declassified three secret court opinions showing how it revealed to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that one of its surveillance programs may have collected and stored as many as 56,000 emails and other communications by ordinary Americans annually over three years. The court ruled the NSA actions unconstitutional and ordered the agency to fix the problem, which it did by creating new technology to filter out buckets of data most likely to contain U.S. emails, and then limit the access to that data.

The director of national intelligence, James Clapper, released the information Wednesday "in the interest of increased transparency," and as directed by President Barack Obama in June, according to a statement accompanying the online documents.

But it wasn't until the Electronic Freedom Foundation, an Internet civil liberties group that sued for the release of one of the documents, disclosed the court order that Obama administration officials also acknowledged that the release was prodded by the group's 2012 lawsuit.

The court opinions show that when the NSA reported its inadvertent gathering of American-based Internet traffic in September 2011, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ordered the agency to find ways to limit what it collects and how long it keeps the material.

In an 85-page declassified FISA court ruling from October 2011, U.S. District Judge James D. Bates rebuked government lawyers for repeatedly misrepresenting the operations of the NSA's surveillance programs.

Bates wrote that the NSA had advised the court that "the volume and nature of the information it had been collecting is fundamentally different than what the court had been led to believe," and went on to say the court must consider "whether targeting and minimization procedures comport with the Fourth Amendment" prohibition against unreasonable search and seizure.

"This court is troubled that the government's revelations regarding NSA's acquisition of Internet transactions mark the third instance in less than three years in which the government has disclosed a substantial misrepresentation regarding the scope of a major collection program," Bates added in a footnoted passage that had portions heavily blacked out.

Bates also complained that the government's submissions make clear that the NSA was gathering Internet data years before it was authorized by the USA Patriot Act's Section 702 in 2008.

Ousted China politician denies taking bribes

JINAN, China (AP)—Ousted Chinese politician Bo Xilai recanted a confession of bribery while prosecutors alleged he used his wife and son to help collect more than $4 million in illicit funds, as he stood trial Thursday in China's biggest political scandal in decades.

Court officials released frequent microblog updates on the testimony in an unusual display of openness for a major political trial, suggesting ruling Communist Party officials were confident of minimizing damage from a scandal that exposed a murder and high-level infighting among China's elite.

Bo denied taking payments from Tang Xiaolin, the general manager of an international development corporation in the northeastern city of Dalian, where Bo once held key posts, though he said he had previously admitted to party investigators that he had done so.

AP

In this photo released by the Jinan Intermediate People's Court, Bo Xilai, center, stands on trial at the court in eastern China's Shandong province on Thursday Aug. 22, 2013.

"The matter of me taking money on three occasions, as Tang Xiaolin said, does not exist," Bo said. "During the time I was being investigated by the Central Disciplinary Commission, I once admitted to this matter against my will ... However, at the time, I had absolutely no knowledge of the nature of the matter, my mind was a total blank."

"I hope the judge will reasonably and fairly judge, and judge this according to the laws of our country," Bo was quoted as saying in one of the Sina Weibo posts by the Jinan Intermediate People's Court.

Once the powerful party boss in the megacity of Chongqing, the charismatic Bo became the most senior leader to fall from power in years after revelations emerged early last year that his wife had killed a British businessman, making the Bo family an international diplomatic liability for the Chinese leadership.

The charges against him include abuse of power in covering up that murder, as well as bribery and embezzlement. The accusations appear carefully calibrated to lay blame on the self-serving actions of Bo and his family and provide enough culpability to bury his political career, while avoiding allegations that could expose the party's factional squabbling or show the impunity with which top Chinese officials operate before they fall from favor.

Egypt's Mubarak to be put under house arrest

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's deposed autocrat Hosni Mubarak is expected to be freed from prison and placed under house arrest on Thursday after being ordered released the previous day, following more than two years in detention.

The development is a new twist in the saga of the long-time president, toppled in Egypt's popular uprising in 2011, and could potentially stoke tensions in the deeply divided nation. It could also amplify the anger against the military-backed government and Islamist allegations that last month's military coup against Mubarak's successor, Mohammed Morsi, was a step toward restoring the old regime.

Mubarak

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Hazem el-Beblawi ordered Mubarak be put under house arrest as part of the emergency measures imposed this month after Morsi's removal from office. The decision appeared designed to ease some of the criticism over Mubarak being freed from prison and ensure that he appears in court next week for a separate trial.

El-Beblawi's announcement came hours after a court ordered Mubarak be released for the first time since he was first detained in April 2011.

Prison officials said he may be released as early as Thursday but it was unclear where he will be held under house arrest, whether in one of his residences or in a hospital, considering his frail health.

Since his ouster, Mubarak's supporters have released conflicting details about his health, including that the 85 year old suffered a stroke, a heart attack and at times went into a coma. His critics called these an attempt to gain public sympathy and court leniency.

His wife, Suzanne, has been living in Cairo and keeping a low-profile, occasionally visiting Mubarak and their two sons in prison. But security officials said Mubarak was more likely to be moved to a military hospital because of his ailing health.

The order for Mubarak's release followed an appeal by his lawyers in one of his corruption cases.

He is currently also standing re-trial on charges of complicity in the killing of protesters in the 2011 uprising, which could put him back behind bars, and faces investigation into at least two other corruption cases as well.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Deadly attack in Syria renews chemical arms claim

BEIRUT (AP)—The images showed lifeless children—wrapped in simple white cloths, their pale faces unmarked by any wound—lined up shoulder to shoulder in a vivid demonstration of an attack Wednesday in which activists say the Syrian regime killed at least 130 people with toxic gas. The Syrian government adamantly denied using chemical weapons in an artillery barrage targeting suburbs east of Damascus, calling the allegations "absolutely baseless." The U.S., Britain and France demanded that a team of U.N. experts already in the country be granted immediate access to investigate the claims. Activists and the opposition leadership gave widely varying death tolls, ranging from as low as 136 to as high as 1,300.

Rare polio virus spreads to Israel's north

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's president is urging the country's children to get polio boosters after a rare appearance of the virus spread to the north of the country. President Shimon Peres met with children getting vaccinations at a Jerusalem clinic on Wednesday together with the Health Minister, Yael German. German said new lab results show the "virus is migrating north and spreading." Peres detailed the suffering his family endured when one of his children was stricken by polio as an infant.

German woman who lost arm to shark in Maui dies

HONOLULU (AP)—A German woman who lost her arm in a shark attack died Wednesday, one week after she was bitten while snorkeling off Maui. Jana Lutteropp, 20, who had been on life support, died at Maui Memorial Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Carol Clark said. "Jana fought hard to stay alive," said a statement from her mother and sister, which was released by Clark. "However, we are sad to say that she lost her fight today." Lutteropp was snorkeling up to 100 yards off Palauea Beach at the resort community of Makena when the shark bit off her right arm.

Life & Style

Changed man: John Mayer has new outlook on life

NEW YORK (AP)—Sure, John Mayer will likely debut at No. 1 next week with his latest album. But he says "Paradise Valley" marks a new chapter in his career: He's no longer obsessing about dominating the charts, though his decade-long career has included platinum-plus albums and Top 40 hits.

"I'm getting older and people seem to be staying the same age ... so at any moment if someone says, `It was really nice having you, just if you don't mind stepping this way?' I would go, `Oh, I get it. I get it,'" he said.

This attitude is part of Mayer's new approach on becoming a changed man. He even checks himself when he sees moments of success, like when the music video of his first single, "Paper Doll," earned millions of views in its first days online.

"You think you're really crushing it and you look at Miley Cyrus' video and there's like 46 million," said Mayer, referring to Cyrus' edgy "We Can't Stop," which has racked up 148 million views.

In a recent interview, Mayer was as talkative as ever, but seemed to have a new sense of calmness as he discussed how his life has shifted in the last three years. He overcame a throat injury thanks to Botox injections last year, but the injury left him on voice rest for months and sidelined his performances—"an intense amount of hyperfocus" is how he describes it.

AP

This Aug. 12, 2013 file photo shows singer-songwriter John Mayer sits at a piano in New York.

"I don't drink really anymore. I warm up before I sing. I warm down," he said. "I do whatever I can. I don't want to lose that part of my life again."

His voice isn't fully recovered, but he was able to record "Paradise Valley," released Tuesday. The 11-track set, which features girlfriend Katy Perry (more on that later) and Frank Ocean, has a cool, light feel that merges pop, country and blues sounds. Mayer wrote some of it—like "Dear Marie," about his first love—last summer, and newer tracks were added months ago, like the confessional duet with Perry.

The new album comes one year after "Born and Raised," though he normally takes longer breaks between albums.

"Maybe all the crazy years, the noisy kind of years were just to get to a place where I could have tenure and put a record out," said Mayer, thinking to himself.

The "crazy years" have been well-documented: His famous girlfriends (Jennifer Aniston and Jessica Simpson among them) and infamous breakups; his overshares on Twitter that led him to shut down his account; and his attempts at humor that backfired, including an inflammatory Playboy interview that led him to bolt the spotlight that he once craved so badly.

Instead of being known for his Grammy-winning artistry—Rolling Stone crowned him one of the contemporary guitar gods—he was becoming known as an unsavory tabloid fixture.

But he knows he was the root of most of the drama that surrounded him, damaged his image and put his singing career in the back seat to his personal woes.

"My pulse beats a whole different way now. ... It's like there's no possible way I could stay the same human being that I was in 2010," said Mayer. "My worst day of overthinking was nowhere near the sort of C-4 I strapped to my own ankles and not knowing it. I think I was more interested in the idea that I was the one strapping the bomb on, so at least I got that man. Just don't forget who the bomber is! Yeah, but you're the one blowing up."

HIV test prompts proposal for porn film moratorium

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The adult film industry announced a moratorium on the making of porn films Wednesday after an actor tested positive for HIV.

The performer was not immediately identified and officials didn't say when the positive test was recorded.

The actor's sex partners are currently being tested by doctors with Adult Production Health and Safety Services, which works with the porn industry.

"The moratorium will be lifted once the risk of transmission has been eliminated," Diane Duke, executive director of the industry trade group the Free Speech Coalition, told The Associated Press in an email.

She added that the actor is not believed to have been infected on a film set.

The industry briefly put a similar moratorium in place last year after nearly a dozen performers were infected during a syphilis outbreak.

Word of the latest moratorium quickly drew critical responses from porn industry opponents. Among them was Michael Weinstein, whose group the AIDS Healthcare Foundation successfully lobbied voters last year to adopt an ordinance requiring actors use condoms in the making of most porn films.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Photographer sues Kanye West over LAX scuffle

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A photographer who claims he was attacked by Kanye West at Los Angeles International Airport is suing the rapper. Daniel Ramos is alleging assault, battery, negligence and violation of his civil rights in the lawsuit filed Wednesday. Ramos was a member of the paparazzi who staked out at the airport July 19 to snap celebrity photos. He was talking to West, who stopped and addressed him. Ramos claimed the rapper then suddenly punched him in an unprovoked attack and wrestled his camera to the ground.

'Partridge Family' star Cassidy charged with DWI

SCHODACK, N.Y. (AP)—Authorities say former teen heartthrob David Cassidy was pulled over in upstate New York for failing to dim his headlights and charged with DWI after tests showed his blood-alcohol content at .10, higher than the state's legal limit of .08. Schodack Police Lt. Joseph Belardo says Cassidy was stopped shortly after 12 a.m. Wednesday about 10 miles south of Albany. The charge is a felony because Cassidy has a 2011 conviction for driving under the influence in Florida. He lives in Fort Lauderdale but is staying in upstate New York for a racing meet in Saratoga. The 63-year-old "Partridge Family" star is free on $2,500 bail. He's due in Schodack Town Court on Sept. 4.

Metallica to headline at the Apollo

NEW YORK (AP)—There will be a different type of Sandman featured at the Apollo next month. Metallica is set to rock the legendary Harlem venue on Sept. 21. They will promote their 3D concert-action film "Metallica Through the Never," released in IMAX on Sept. 27 and other theaters a week later. It will also air live on a special temporary Metallica channel on SiriusXM. The Apollo, revered for its place in black entertainment and historic performances from the likes of James Brown to Michael Jackson, has become a venue for rock legends in recent years, including Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney.

Drake to perform at VMAs; Swift, Gomez to attend

NEW YORK (AP)—Drake is the latest A-list musician set to perform at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday. The rapper joins a hefty list of performers, including Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake, Katy Perry and Kanye West. MTV also announced Wednesday that Taylor Swift, Selena Gomez, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Kevin Hart will attend the awards show, to air live from the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. Timberlake and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis lead in nominations with six each. Miley Cyrus and Robin Thicke—who will also perform—are tied with Bruno Mars with four nominations each. Jared Leto, Emeli Sande and A$AP Rocky will also appear.

Dave Barry a finalist for humor prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Dave Barry and former "Saturday Night Live" writer Alan Zweibel are in the running for a top humor prize. "Lunatics," a novel co-written by Barry and Zweibel, is a finalist for the Thurber Prize for American Humor. The other nominees announced Wednesday were Shalom Auslander's novel "Hope, A Tragedy" and NPR "comic correspondent" Dan Zevin's essay collection "Dan Gets a Mini-Van." The winner receives $5,000. The prize is named for humorist-cartoonist James Thurber and has been given to Calvin Trillin, Christopher Buckley and David Sedaris among others. Zweibel won in 2006 for his novel "The Other Shulman."

Retired military man is bombing with the ladies

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure how you can help me, but I'd appreciate some input. I'm in my 50s and retired from the military.

As a young man, I was so shy I couldn't speak to girls. I joined the military early and came out of my shell, but the demands of military life made it hard for me to meet or date anyone. Most of my adult life in the service has been spent taking care of soldiers' emotional, financial and professional needs so they could do their jobs.

I can't seem to convince women to date me. They say I "have no relationship history" so I don't know how to compromise or share. I can change my wardrobe, I can lose some weight, but I can't change my "history." What on earth do I say or do to convince women (both online and offline) to take a chance with me? I just want a chance to meet a special someone. Please help me.

FRUSTRATED IN TEXAS

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You are the second longtime bachelor who has asked me this question in the last several weeks! I don't know what pop psychologist came up with the thesis that never-married men are to be avoided. If anything, your letter shows how dangerous it is to make blanket generalizations.

A man like you has much to offer. You are stable, have no bitter ex-wives who will interfere in a relationship, no children who are still trying to "find" themselves or tell you they hate your lady friends, and no alimony. I assume you are financially secure, and after a life in the military, have taken care of yourself physically.

Perhaps you should mention this to the next woman who tells you she doesn't want to date you because you have no "history." You should not hesitate to post your single status on your profile. Intelligent women will want to meet you, get to know you, and be willing to help you CREATE a history together. And those women who aren't willing aren't worth your time.

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DEAR ABBY: My partner, "Kevin," and I have been together for 12 years. Although we have a close and loving relationship, one major sticking point has dogged us from early on.

I am 19 years younger than Kevin and very outgoing. I enjoy spending time with friends and socializing. I understand that when one is in a relationship, time spent with friends is reduced. However, if I become friends with someone, Kevin will find something wrong with the person, make unkind comments about them to me and make me feel guilty for wanting to be with them. It could be the person is too loud, too opinionated, has different eating habits than his, etc.

The friend's gender or sexual orientation has no bearing. I have had to forgo friendships over the years because it's just easier to do that than to argue. I love being with Kevin, but I'm not sure what I can do to resolve this challenge. He doesn't feel a need to change. What should I do?

"DAN" IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR "DAN": Start by recognizing that what Kevin is doing may be a reflection of his insecurity. The more time you spend with someone else, the less you spend with him. He doesn't feel a need to change because his nitpicking has been successful in diverting you from these friendships.

Try this: The next time you become friendly with someone and Kevin starts putting the person down, don't take the bait. Tell him he's entitled to his opinion and if he'd like to join you, he is welcome. If not, you'll see him later. It may help you to establish some independence. Mature adults can do that and still have a healthy relationship.

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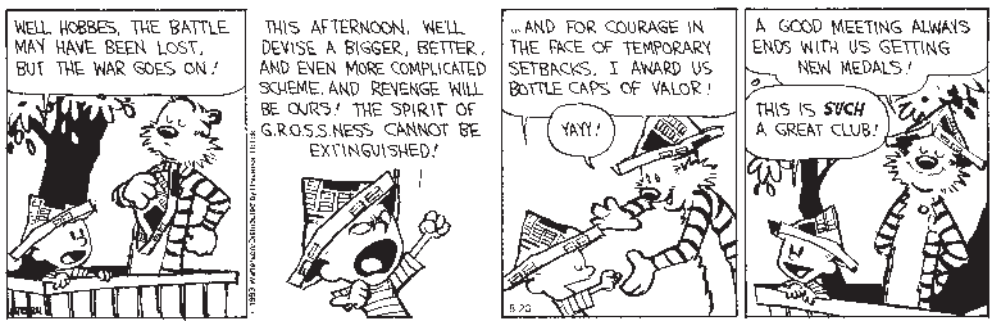
Pastimes

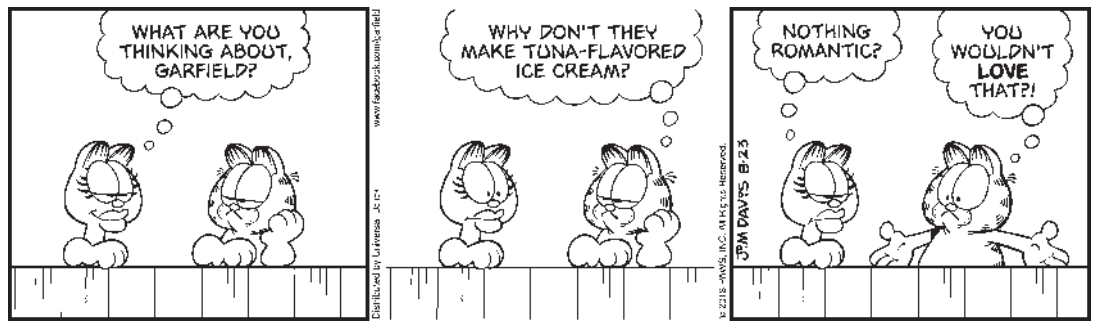
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WELL, HOBBES, THE BATTLE MAY HAVE BEEN LOST, BUT THE WAR GOES ON!
THIS AFTERNOON, WE'LL DEVISE A BIGGER, BETTER, AND EVEN MORE COMPLICATED SCHEME. AND REVENGE WILL BE OURS! THE SPIRIT OF G.R.O.S.S.NESS CANNOT BE EXTINGUISHED!
...AND FOR COURAGE IN THE FACE OF TEMPORARY SETBACKS, I AWARD US BOTTLE CAPS OF VALOR!
YAY!
A GOOD MEETING ALWAYS ENDS WITH US GETTING NEW MEDALS!
THIS IS SUCH A GREAT CLUB!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis


WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT, GARFIELD?
WHY DON'T THEY MAKE TUNA-FLAVORED ICE CREAM?
NOTHING ROMANTIC?
YOU WOULDN'T LOVE THAT?!
JIM DAVIS 8-23

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I BET WE COULD WRITE A MOVIE LIKE "CLOWNICANE."
YEAH?
BUT WHAT'S SCARIER THAN A HURRICANE FULL OF CLOWNS?
WHO SAYS IT HAS TO BE SCARY? MAYBE IT'S JUST SOMETHING REALLY AWESOME.
LIKE A POP TART-CANO.
OR THE HOT POCKETLYPSE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Profession
4 River barriers
8 Vaulted recess
12 "Born in the —"
13 Slightly
14 Cornfield comments
15 Labor day event?
17 Rainbow
18 Drudgery
19 Old saying
20 Cabal creations
22 Long skirt
24 Old Italian money
25 Caviar, often
29 Caviar, always
30 Art supporter
31 Shell game need
32 Bosch's "The Garden of Earthly —"
34 Ledge
35 "The Lion King" lioness
36 Hackneyed
37 Berate
40 Wound souvenir
41 Hemingway sobriquet
42 Frenzied excitement
46 From the beginning
47 Sandwich cookie
48 — out a living
49 RN's cartload
50 Chopped
51 Gender

DOWN
1 "Oklahoma!" baddie
2 Sugar suffix
3 Scottish castle
4 Garfield's creator Jim
5 First victim
6 Soviet spacecraft
7 Pigpen
8 Tart
9 Legal aide, briefly
10 Hearty gulp
11 Being, to Brutus
16 Greek vowel
19 Leafstalk angle
20 Trudge
21 Not prerecorded
22 D.C. hostess Perle
23 Brewery products
25 "Fantastic Mr. Fox" author
26 Beekeepers' places
27 Honeycomb compartment
28 Harvard rival
30 "Zounds!"
33 Some of the extended family
34 Celeb
36 Offspring
37 Unwanted email
38 Prop for Chaplin
39 Newspaper pg.
40 Dispatched
42 Homer's exclamation
43 Before
44 Guitar's kin
45 Tex- —

Solution time: 25 mins.

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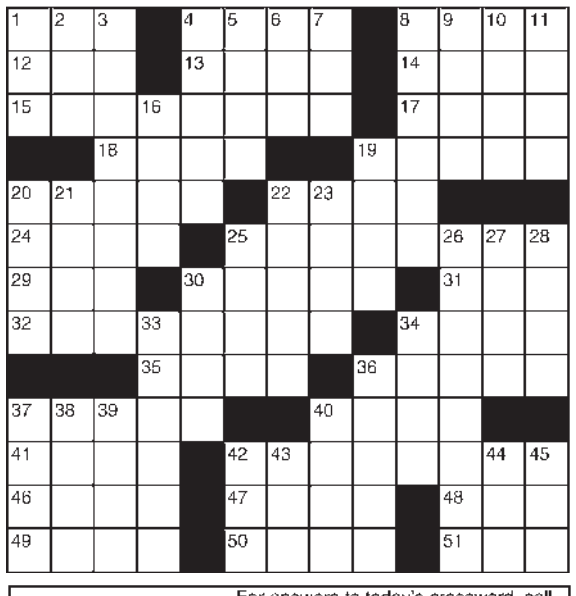
Yesterday's answer 8-23



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kobe Bryant, 35; Julian Casablancas, 35; Scott Caan, 37; Shelley Long, 64.

Happy Birthday: A change to the way you do things with regard to your health and wealth, and some improvements in how you manage contracts and deals will lead to some uncertainty, but will bring favorable results. Emotional spending must be kept to a minimum, and costly ventures or investments based on risk must be avoided. Take a conservative approach. Your numbers are 8, 13, 21, 27, 30, 35, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Choose practicality over impulsive action. Be precise regarding what it is you want. Trying to push others to follow your lead will not get you to the finish line. Do what's best for you and do it well. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A private matter concerning someone from your past must be handled discreetly. Do not mix business with pleasure or discuss personal matters with colleagues. Focus on what you can do to improve your personal life and your domestic situation. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Problems will surface if you aren't straightforward about the way you feel or the changes you want to make. Develop ideas or plans that will lead to moneymaking opportunities or greater efficiency at work and potential advancement. Love is on the rise. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Accept change and you'll find a way to get positive results. Keep conversations open, honest and detailed. A domestic situation or dealing with a partner may pose problems. Size up the situation and adapt. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Get out and try something new. Meet new people, travel to destinations you have never been to, or change the way you live. Anything that will help to inspire or motivate you will lead to satisfaction. Embrace love and romance. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Go over the necessary documentation before you agree to get involved in something that is risky or impractical. A quick decision will be costly. Make sure that the expectations are clear before you consider a joint venture with anyone. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Troubles will surface with partners or with regard to your current domestic situation. Don't make an impulsive move or decision or you will have regrets. Focus more on self-improvement. A change of heart is in the stars. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Open your mind to new ideas, concepts and philosophies. Get involved in community events that will help you explore what's available to you. Make unique changes to the way you live or where. Embrace challenges and play to win. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You can make some strategic changes at home that will help you out financially and personally. Love can lead to interesting talks that will encourage you to make changes, but stick to your budget—going overboard financially will lead to loss. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Problems with someone who is overreacting, overspending or overindulgent will escalate, forcing an emotional decision. Keep your thoughts a secret until you have evidence that will allow you to move ahead with a suitable solution. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): A change of direction or developing a skill that can lead to more income should be considered. Love and romance are highlighted and making a decision that will lead to a commitment or altering the way you currently live should be considered. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get out and mingle. The more information you gather, the better your options will become. Let your imagination lead to new plans, ideas and a diverse way of taking what you know and and using it to achieve your financial and professional goals. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring, imaginative, strong-willed and charming.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/23

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/22

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE BIRTH OF THE ROYAL BABY **Solution: 7 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Condiment

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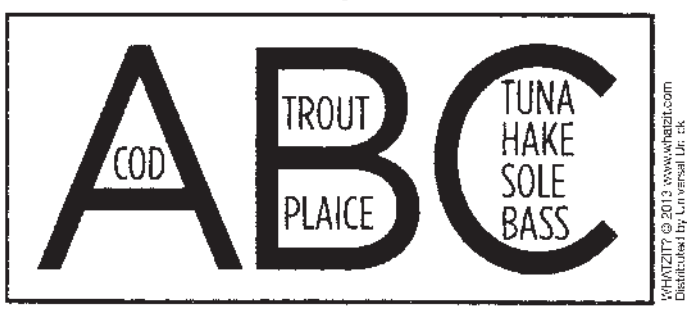

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Tebow's chances of staying with Patriots uncertain

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Tim Tebow walked off the practice field with no reporters blocking his path to the locker room. Finally, a few strolled up for a 90-second interview then moved on to longer chats with other Patriots.

The media circus that surrounded him last season is gone.

His uncertain future remains.

Ten weeks into what could be his last shot at staying in the NFL, Tebow seems to be on the roster bubble. He is simply trying to make the team now, but has played poorly in two exhibition games.

How poorly?

His passer rating was 0.0—that's zero-point-zero—in New England's 25-21 win over Tampa Bay last Friday night.

"You would definitely want to do better in some areas," said Tebow, the only quarterback the Patriots used in the second half vs. the Buccaneers. "Also, you have different things happen that you just try to handle the best way you can."

He completed just one of seven passes for a loss of one yard, and had one interception on a badly overthrown pass. He was sacked twice on his first nine plays. But the lefty who has trouble reading defenses and zipping passes did what he does best, running six times for 30 yards.

A week earlier, in his debut, he was a bit better—4 for 12 for 55 yards with four runs for 31 yards in a 31-22 win over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Numbers may not lie, but coach Bill Belichick sees a larger truth. He watches Tebow at every practice, sees how diligently he studies and how dedicated he is in the weight room.

And he sees some positive steps from the player traded by the Denver Broncos and cut by the New York Jets in a span of 13 months.

"Yeah, definitely," Belichick said. "I think if you look at the entire week last week, that it will look different than the game did."

Tebow could get another chance in the third preseason game on Thursday night against the Lions in Detroit. That'll be five days before the mandatory roster cut to 75 players. The Patriots finish the exhibition schedule Aug. 29 against the New York Giants. The final cut to 53 comes two days later.

Tebow, as expected, says he's not thinking about his prospects of sticking around. Grasping the New England offense is difficult enough.

"I just focus one day at a time," he says, "improving every single practice."

It's not even an issue?

"Just getting ready for the practice," he says with a smile.

Belichick has been typically reticent. The Patriots signed Tebow for a reason, of course, and though New England often carries just two quarterbacks, the veteran coach is unfazed by preseason results.

AP

New England Patriots quarterback Tim Tebow passes during a joint NFL football workout with the Philadelphia Eagles, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, in Philadelphia.

Asked last week if he plans to keep Tebow, if healthy, on the 53-man roster, Belichick said, "That's not anything that we're ready to talk about right now. A lot of competition out there. We'll see how it all plays out."

There are some factors in Tebow's favor.

He could be used as a punt protector, forcing opponents to play for a fake on a direct snap. He could line up as a receiver, pose as a decoy, or give Tom Brady a target for a quick pass to the sideline that he can run with. He's played only quarterback in training camp drills, all open to the media, but could be used elsewhere now that the practices are open for just a short time period.

With Tom Brady having thrown all but 47 of the Patriots' passes the last four years and Ryan Mallett entrenched as the backup, coaches may view Tebow as a project with plenty of time to work on his quarterbacking skills without having to play in games.

And would the Patriots really keep a sixth defensive end or sixth cornerback instead of him?

But then, there are the negatives.

The Patriots have kept just two quarterbacks in three of the past four years. Tebow tends to scramble too soon, without exhausting all options down the field. And when he does look down there, finding his third or fourth receiving option has been a problem.

And then, of course, some throws have been well out of the receivers' grasp.

But Belichick is known for utilizing a player's strengths even if he has glaring shortcomings. That's the Patriot Way.

"All players have different skill sets and some guys do some things better than others," he said. "I think we see a lot of good quarterbacks in the NFL. They aren't all maybe the best passers, but their ability to run and pass and make plays—design plays, scramble plays, whatever it is—makes them a high level player. I don't think there's one specific style you have to have or don't have to have.

"In the end, it's about production and being able to do enough things to be successful."

Tebow had success in Denver. He threw the winning pass on the first overtime play from scrimmage against Pittsburgh in the AFC wild-card round, before losing to New England the next week.

He was a flop after the Broncos traded him to the Jets. New York never figured out how to use him and released him last April 29.

From there, Tebow watched and waited. And just when it seemed no team wanted him, the Patriots gave him a non-guaranteed contract on June 10.

But soon, Tebow may be looking for work ... again.

"I've just got to go out there and play as hard as I can and try to improve," he said. "And I'll let a lot of smarter people grade us and judge us."

Chris Paul elected president of NBA players union

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Chris Paul has already seemingly done the impossible by turning the long-languishing Los Angeles Clippers into a force in the Western Conference. Now he's taken on another big task—rebuilding the reeling NBA players' association.

Paul was elected president of the players' union Wednesday, replacing Derek Fisher and giving an organization cloaked in turmoil some much-needed star power at the top.

The vote by NBA player representatives came six months after the union fired Billy Hunter as executive director, a position that remains vacant and follows about 18 months of in-fighting and drama that occurred during the negotiations for the latest collective bargaining agreement. Hunter countered with a wrongful-termination lawsuit in May, accusing Fisher of conspiring with NBA officials during the 2011 lockout.

"It's not about me as president or the first vice president, it's about the players as a whole," Paul said in a conference call Wednesday night.

One of Paul's greatest gifts on the court is an ability to get everyone involved and make his teammates better. Now he'll try to do the same thing with the union. After the lockout ended and the lawsuits started to take hold, there was a feeling among many players and observers that putting a big name in the big chair would help galvanize the group and get star players interested in participating again.

That once was commonplace, with marquee players Bob Cousy, Oscar Robertson, Alex English and Isiah Thomas all serving as union presidents. But Paul, a six-time All-Star who is widely regarded as the best point guard in the league, is the first big star to hold the top spot since Patrick Ewing's run ended in 2001. Role players Michael Curry, Antonio Davis and Fisher, who had been in charge since 2006, followed Ewing.

"That wasn't a requirement, but I think it gives us a little more oomph, I guess, having somebody like him wanting to step up and take on that role," Charlotte Bobcats forward Anthony Tolliver said in a phone interview. "It means a lot."

Paul served as a vice president for the last four years, so he has intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the union, and the trouble that engulfed it recently.

"It was something I saw as a challenge, something I knew I'd be able to handle," Paul said. "It's an unbelievable opportunity, a lot of responsibility comes with this position but I'm very fortunate to have an outstanding of committee guys. The past couple of days have been outstanding, the dialogue we've had as an executive committee also with the players that have come in town, it was amazing."

The decision to appoint a new executive director to replace Hunter will come at a later date.

"We definitely discussed (hiring an executive director), but there's no rush," Paul said. "For us, it's all about getting our house in order and making sure that everything moves right in that direction."

In meetings at the Venetian Hotel, Roger Mason Jr. was elected first vice president. He replaced Jerry Stackhouse, who resigned from the office and is expected to take a position within the union.

There are several issues that the league has been waiting to discuss with the union while they searched for new leadership, most notably the possible implementation of testing for HGH. Commissioner David Stern, who is retiring in February and handing the reins over to deputy commissioner Adam Silver, has said multiple times this summer that testing for HGH was a priority.

"Chris is an All-Star player and person and we look forward to working with him," Silver said in a statement.

Tolliver, who has long been one of the most devoted player representatives in the league, and Steve Blake were elected vice presidents, filling the executive committee positions vacated by Paul and Mason.

"This is not a position that's about me or one person," Paul said. "It's about the collective group and the players and I think from my experience ... it's about growing the game and expanding our brand and continue to get our players involved as we can and make sure our voice is heard. The guys here just understand it's our union, there's no one person that is bigger than the group."

Paul said the union needed a "rebuild," and he was looking forward to rolling up his sleeves and getting to work. Tolliver agreed, saying it was time for a "fresh start" after a messy time in the union's history.

"We want to make sure that nothing remotely close that has gone on in the union in the past 12 months or so will ever happen again," Tolliver said. "It's a huge job. It's a huge responsibility. I'm glad to be a part of that."

Paul's ascension could pave the way for more involvement from the biggest names in the game. LeBron James considered running for the job before deciding against it, and Paul is an All-NBA first team player who has been tight with James for years.

"Since I've been in the NBA the superstars have come to a few meetings here and there, every once in a while, but not very often," Tolliver said. "The fact that (James) even considered doing that lets me know that he's going to be more involved in the future. ... Especially him being the face of our game, we want to have him involved as much as possible. Not only him, we want all the guys that carry our brand to be a part of this."

Heyward hit in jaw, Braves beat Mets 4-1 in 10

NEW YORK (AP)—Chris Johnson hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning as Atlanta beat the New York Mets 4-1 on Wednesday after Braves outfielder Jason Heyward sustained a broken jaw when he was hit by a pitch.

Atlanta got an RBI single from Freddie Freeman and another impressive start by rookie Alex Wood in splitting the two-game series for its 20th victory in 24 games. The Braves also benefited from a disputed call in the 10th.

Andrelton Simmons singled off Scott Atchison (3-2) with two outs and Freeman hit a two-strike grounder back toward the box that ticked off the bottom of Scott Rice's glove and rolled behind him. The reliever retrieved the ball and fired to first, where Freeman was called safe.

Greg Burke allowed Johnson's homer.

Luis Avilan (5-0) pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth and Craig Kimbrel reached 40 saves for the third straight season. He has converted 30 chances in a row.

AP

Atlanta Braves' Jason Heyward, center, is helped by New York Mets catcher John Buck, left, and umpire Greg Gibson after being hit by a 90 mph fastball thrown by New York Mets pitcher Jonathon Niese during the sixth inning of a baseball game at Citi Field, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, in New York.

Cardinals 8, Brewers 6

In Milwaukee, Carlos Beltran and Allen Craig hit towering home runs in St. Louis' six-run second inning as the Cardinals held off Milwaukee.

Matt Holliday also homered and Shane Robinson had three hits for the Cardinals, who are one game behind Pittsburgh in the NL Central race.

After taking a one-run lead in the first inning on a double by Craig, the Cardinals went ahead 7-0 in the second off Brewers starter Tom Gorzelanny (3-5). Starting pitcher Jake Westbrook hit a bases-loaded double into the left-center field gap that scored two runs.

The Brewers cut into the lead in the third on a three-run homer by Aramis Ramirez, and then added two runs in the fifth.

Kevin Siegrist (2-1) recorded two outs to notch the victory. Edward Mujica earned his 33rd save in 35 attempts despite giving up a home run to Logan Schafer in the ninth.

Padres 2, Pirates 1

In San Diego, Ian Kennedy pitched seven strong innings, combining with two relievers on a four-hitter, and Yonder Alonso drove in two runs as San Diego beat Pittsburgh to avoid a three-game sweep.

Kennedy (5-9) won for the second time in four starts since being obtained from the NL West-rival Arizona Diamondbacks on July 31. He held Pittsburgh to four hits, struck out eight and walked three.

Luke Gregerson pitched the eighth, walking Felix Pie and allowing Andrew McCutcheon's sacrifice fly, and Huston Street worked the ninth for his 24th save in 25 chances.

Gerrit Cole (6-6) allowed two runs and 10 hits in six innings, struck out five and walked none.

Phillies 4, Rockies 3

In Philadelphia, Michael Young hit the winning single with one out in the ninth inning after Carlos Ruiz tied the game with a double, pushing Philadelphia past Colorado.

Erik Kratz opened the ninth with a double off closer Rafael Betancourt (2-4). Pinch runner Casper Wells advanced to third on a grounder and scored the tying run on Ruiz's pinch-hit double to left. Jimmy Rollins was walked intentionally and Young followed with the winning single to left.

Jake Diekman (1-3) tossed a scoreless ninth for the win.

Wilin Rosario homered for Colorado. Chase Utley went deep for the Phillies.

Phillies starter Cliff Lee remained winless since July 5 and is 0-4 with two no-decisions since beating Atlanta.

Dodgers 4, Marlins 1

In Miami, Zack Greinke allowed one run in eight innings to win his fourth start in a row as the Los Angeles Dodgers took advantage of sloppy defense by Miami for the second consecutive night.

Greinke (12-3) allowed six hits, walked none and lowered his ERA to 2.91.

The Marlins' lone run came on a first-inning homer by Giancarlo Stanton, and they had only one hit after the fourth inning.

Miami committed a season-high three errors, including two in the Dodgers' three-run fourth inning.

The Dodgers improved to 27-5 since the All-Star break, and they have won 21 of their past 24 road games. They are unbeaten in their past 18 series since mid-June.

Reds 10, Diamondbacks 7

In Cincinnati, Choo Shin-soo went 4 for 5 with a homer and three RBIs to spark Cincinnati's offensive outburst in a win over Arizona.

The Reds opened a six-game lead over Arizona in the race for the National League's second wild-card spot.

Cincinnati remained third in the NL Central, but moved to 2 1/2 games behind first-place Pittsburgh.

Mike Leake allowed four runs in the fifth inning, but was dominant in his other five innings for first win in his past five starts.

Leake (11-5) allowed six hits and four runs with no walks and three strikeouts while the Reds were building an 8-0 lead.

Aroldis Chapman pitched the final two innings for his 32nd save—his first career two-inning save.

Nationals 11, Cubs 6

In Chicago, Jayson Werth and Scott Hairston hit three-run homers to lead Washington over Chicago.

Werth's three-run homer in the third inning off Jake Arrieta gave the Nationals a 6-1 lead and was his eighth since the All-Star break.

Hairston, who was traded by the Cubs on July 8, was pinch-hitting for Tanner Roark and hit his off James Russell (1-4) with two outs in the seventh to give the Nationals a 9-6 lead after they had given up a 6-1 lead.

Anthony Rizzo hit his first two homers since Aug. 6 and had three RBIs, but couldn't stop the Cubs from losing their 15th in their past 18 at home.

Ross Ohlendorf was activated off the disabled list before Wednesday's game by Washington and allowed four runs and six hits and 4 1-3 innings.

Roark (3-0) allowed two runs in the fifth, but pitched 1 2-3 innings for the win.

Red Sox 12, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Stephen Drew and Will Middlebrooks each hit a home run, and Jonny Gomes and Jarrod Saltalamacchia drove in two runs apiece, as Boston beat San Francisco.

Felix Doubront (9-6) rebounded from a tough outing to pitch eight strong innings for the Red Sox, who have won three of five. Doubront gave up one run on five hits. He walked one and struck out three.

Joaquin Arias homered among his two hits for the Giants, who have lost three of four.

Barry Zito (4-9) lasted 3 2-3 innings in his first start since July 30. He allowed six runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out three.

Jacoby Ellsbery and Shane Victorino each had three hits for Boston.

Yankees 4, Blue jays 2

In New York, Alfonso Soriano hit a tiebreaking two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning and Ichiro Suzuki got his 4,000th hit between the major leagues and Japan, as the Yankees handed the Toronto Blue Jays their 12th straight loss in New York.

David Huff (1-0) pitched one-hit ball in five innings of relief to shut down the Blue Jays before New York finally got to Toronto's R.A. Dickey.

The 39-year-old Suzuki hit a liner off Dickey (9-12) that bounced just beyond diving third baseman Brett Lawrie for the milestone hit in the first inning. Suzuki broke a tie with Lou Gehrig when he got his 2,722nd major league hit in his 13th season. The speedy outfielder amassed 1,278 hits in nine seasons with Orix of Japan's Pacific League.

Adam Warren started for New York and gave up two runs in three-plus innings, including Josh Thole's tying homer in the fourth. It was Thole's first homer with the Blue Jays.

Huff relieved and didn't allow a hit until Lawrie led off the eighth with an infield single.

Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth and earned his 37th save.

Tigers 7, Twins 1

In Detroit, Torii Hunter hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning and scored from second base on a passed ball to help Detroit beat Minnesota.

Drew Smyly (5-0) struck out two in a perfect inning in relief of Anibal Sanchez. Jose Veras entered with two outs in the eighth inning and closed the game for his first save with the Tigers.

Kevin Correia (8-10) allowed four runs—two earned—and nine hits over 6 2-3 innings.

The Twins let Detroit score four runs with two outs in the seventh.

The Tigers gave up a 16th straight stolen base, extending the longest active streak in the major leagues, according to STATS.

Rangers 5, Astros 4

In Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Texas its major league-leading 40th comeback win of the season with a victory over Houston.

During a wild eighth inning, Rangers reliever Tanner Scheppers gave up three hits, one walk, hit two batters and threw two wild pitches to surrender the lead. But closer Joe Nathan (4-2) shut down the Astros in the ninth to get the win.

Craig Gentry homered and scored three times for Texas, one on a perfect squeeze bunt by Andrus in the seventh that gave Texas a 4-2 lead.

Lo Chia-jen (0-1) took the loss for Houston.

Orioles 4, Rays 2

In Baltimore, Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 46th home run and Adam Jones also homered as Baltimore beat Tampa Bay to avoid a three-game sweep.

Davis connected against Jeremy Hellickson (10-7) leading off the fifth inning. The drive landed on Eutaw Street beyond the 25-foot wall in right field and gave the Orioles a 4-2 lead.

Chen Wei-yin (7-6) gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings to help the Orioles win for only the third time in their last nine games.

Darren O'Day worked a perfect eighth and Tommy Hunter got his fourth save.

Hellickson allowed four runs and seven hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Mariners 5, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, Brendan Ryan hit a two-run double in the sixth and added an RBI single in the eighth to help Seattle past Oakland.

Michael Morse and Brad Miller homered for the Mariners, who overcame an uneven start by Hisashi Iwakuma to beat the A's for the fourth time in the past five games.

Iwakuma (12-6) gave up a pair of home runs but limited the damage to win his second straight. The Mariners right-hander struck out four and walked two in seven innings.

Coco Crisp and Brandon Moss hit home runs for the A's, who are 15-16 since the All-Star break.

Oakland starter A.J. Griffin (10-9) struck out seven in six innings. He walked four.

Indians 3, Angels 1

In Anaheim, California, Justin Masterson pitched effectively into the seventh inning and Nick Swisher hit a two-run homer as Cleveland completed a three-game sweep of Los Angeles.

The Indians, who came in 5 1/2 games behind Detroit in the AL Central and 3 1/2 behind Oakland in the race for the second wild card spot, surpassed last season's win total with 35 games to spare.

Masterson (14-9) allowed a run and five hits over 6 2-3 innings, tied a season high with five walks and struck out seven. Cody Allen pitched a scoreless eighth for Cleveland and Chris Perez got three outs for his 20th save in 24 attempts.

Jerome Williams (5-10) yielded two runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings with six strikeouts.

White Sox 5, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Dayan Viciedo hit his second career grand slam to highlight a five-run inning, and Andre Rienzo picked up his first career win as Chicago beat Kansas City.

Rienzo (1-0) allowed only a sacrifice fly to Mike Moustakas while cruising through six innings to win for the first time in five starts. The Brazilian right-hander allowed just five hits and two walks in helping the White Sox win their season-best fifth straight game.

Addison Reed worked the ninth for his second save of the series and 33rd on the year.

Viciedo's grand slam off Jeremy Guthrie (12-10) in the fourth followed an RBI single by Adam Dunn that had given the White Sox the lead.

McIlroy hopes for a late start to his season

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)—Rory McIlroy knew the rules going into last year's FedEx Cup playoffs, which didn't make it any easier to digest.

He won the Deutsche Bank Championship after a duel with Louis Oosthuizen. The next week at Crooked Stick, he blew away a powerful leaderboard that featured Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Lee Westwood, Dustin Johnson and Adam Scott to win the BMW Championship. He closed out his great run with a tie for 10th at the Tour Championship.

All that got him was second place in the FedEx Cup (along with a $3 million bonus).

"Maybe it will be the other way around this year," he said Wednesday at The Barclays, the first of four FedEx Cup playoff events.

McIlroy has no complaints about this postseason bonanza on the PGA Tour. The objective is to be among the top 30 players who reach the final event at East Lake for the Tour Championship, preferably in the top five to have a guaranteed shot at the $10 million.

A year ago, McIlroy was the No. 1 seed at East Lake by nearly double the amount of points over Tiger Woods. That wasn't enough to win the FedEx Cup, however, because the points are reset for the final event to give everyone a chance at the $10 million prize and inject some excitement.

This year, the 24-year-old from Northern Ireland is No. 48 in the standings, not even guaranteed getting to the third playoff event outside Chicago.

AP

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, hits from the fairway on the first hole during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, in Pittsford, N.Y.

He doesn't seem terribly worried, despite having such a poor year.

"I feel like my game is in good shape," McIlroy said. "I'm coming off a nice weekend at the PGA Championship—that was probably the worst I could have finished. I feel like I'm in a good place. I'm just playing golf and focusing on my targets. I've still got events this year—and four big ones, the playoffs. And I'm really looking forward to the last four months."

The running joke with caddie J.P. Fitzgerald is that McIlroy has taken the last six months off.

There's no better time to start than now.

Even though the majors are over, McIlroy could find a big payoff waiting for him if he can start producing the results that made him No. 1 in the world at this time a year ago. He finally sorted out his driver issues in July, and he was swinging freely during Wednesday's pro-am round at Liberty National.

Yes, he found the water with his tee shot on the drivable par-4 16th, but only because his high fade fell about a yard too far to the right. His next shot was on the edge of the green, and he pounded his drives down the middle of the 17th and 18th fairways. His game looks sharp. His mood is upbeat.

And he laughed at the idea that he could still walk away with a FedEx Cup trophy and $10 million prize after all he's been through this year.

"I think it would be great," he said. "That's the beauty of the FedEx Cup. You look at basketball, baseball, football. Teams squeeze in and make a great playoff run and win. I'm in that position. I've got nothing to lose and everything to gain."

There is still plenty up for grabs—for Woods, Mickelson, Adam Scott and so many others.

Even though Woods has five wins this year—no one else has more than two—Mickelson could make a case for PGA Tour player of the year if he were to win a playoff event (or two), particularly the FedEx Cup and its $10 million prize to go along with his claret jug from the British Open. Despite two decades of greatness and a spot in the World Golf Hall of Fame, Mickelson has never won player of the year, a money title or the Vardon Trophy.

Would that be enough? Bill Haas didn't hesitate when asked who had the best year—Woods.

Neither did Scott, despite his green jacket for winning the Masters.

"It's hard to pass up looking at five wins," Scott said. "I think the next best guy might have two, is that right? That's a great year to win that many times. It's all personal opinion. If you think winning a major is what you base success on, then if you haven't (won), you haven't had a great year. But winning ... I've always based it around winning events, and I don't think one major makes up for five tournaments."

That led to another question: Would Scott trade seasons with Woods?

"I'd rather have mine, that's for sure," said Scott, who collected his first major at Augusta National. "He may want mine. I mean, No. 15 is proving to be difficult for him, so that would have given him that. But they've all got to get tougher the more you get."

Woods only played nine holes of his pro-am Wednesday at Liberty National, the course along the Hudson River across from the Statue of Liberty. He experienced stiffness in his neck and back from what he attributed to a soft bed in his hotel, and Woods decided only to chip and putt on the back nine as a precaution.

It was the latest nagging injury this year—a tweaked back during the final round of the PGA Championship, an elbow injury in the summer that caused him to miss two tournaments—though Woods was not concerned and said he was fine during his week off at home in Florida.

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umph over Maukoloa.

Also competing in Pool B was the CNMI's Moris Villanueva, who fell two spots shorts of making it to the next round, as he was ranked fourth in his group with a 2-3 record. Villanueva swept his last two matches, winning over Kiribati's Lataisi Mwea, 6-0, 6-1, and the Solomon Islands' Christino Fujiyama, 6-3, 6-3, and was fighting for the No. 7 to 8 spot in the 12-player field. After failing to advance to the semis, Villanueva dropped to the consolation bracket where he lost his first match to the Solomon Islands' Joel Junior Benjamin, 0-6, 3-6.

In the girls seniors, Rastguiy won the all-CNMI semifinals, outlasting Carol Lee in three sets. Lee, the U12 champion in the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, took the opening set, 6-1, but missed a chance to gain her second singles crown after Rastguiy swept the last two, 6-2, 6-3.

Rastguiy's finals game was scheduled yesterday and he was set to meet Tonga's Sisilia Laumanu Teu, who triumphed in the other Final Four pairing against the Solomon Islands' Georjimah Row, 6-1, 7-6. Lee and Row were also slated to collide yesterday for the bronze medal.

Meanwhile, Michael Ren won his first consolation game to boost his chances for the No. 5 spot in the 12-player boys junior division. Ren finished Pool A with a 2-2 record to rank third in his group and miss the semis. However, he beat fellow CNMI player Robbie Schorr at the start of the consolation round, 6-0, 6-2, to arrange a face-off for fifth place with Vanuatu's Ben Pechan, who downed Kiribati's Banian Ioera, 6-2, 6-0. Schorr, who was scheduled to challenge Ioera for the No. 7 spot, had a 2-3 record in Pool A and placed fourth in his group.

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keep a perfect record in the six-team field and share the lead with KFC/Taco Bell.

John Samuel Darag top-scored for DYS, while D.J. Ong fired 18 points in his first game this season. Karlo De Leon was the third DYS player to finish in twin digits with his 10 markers, while the Kristian Itaas was the lone double figure scorer for the Ol'Aces 2 with his 13 points.

KFC/Taco Bell 58, Rebeholics 31

KFC/Taco Bell also eased its way to its second win after crushing the Rebelholics in the second game, 58-31.

KFC/Taco Bell started slow, making only 9 points, but it was far better compared to none from the Rebeholics. The Rebelholics then outgunned KFC/Taco Bell for the first and only time in the second period, 13-10, to stay in the game, but before folding up in the second half. KFC/Taco Bell broke the game wide open at the beginning of the second half, drilling 22 points in the third for a 42-22 lead. C.J. Morales led the breakaway, scoring 11 of his 13 points in the third canto.

Ol'Aces 40, Rollers 30

The Ol'Aces entered the win column after outclassing the Rollers in the curtain-raiser.

The Ol'Aces limited the Rollers to single digit in scoring in the first three frames en route to the 10-point victory. The Rollers nailed no more than 6 points in each of the first three periods and accumulated only 16 markers to face a 16-33 deficit with only one quarter to go. The Rollers finally broke into twin digits in the fourth, but these were not enough to rally the team back into the game.

Joseph Sablan led the Ol'Aces with his 20 points, while Manny Cobacha paced the Rollers with his 8 markers.

First Game

Ol'Aces 40 – J. Sablan 20, D. Sablan 6, Nabors 5, Lazaro 4, D. Cruz 3, Olopai 2.

Rollers 30 – Cobacha 8, Yu 6, Caracut 5, Mamaril 2, Dela Cruz 2, Bordon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-5, 19-11, 33-16, 40-30.

Second Game

KFC/Taco Bell 58 – Morales 13, Francisco 13, Borromeo 7, Ogasawara 7, Espinosa 6, Feria 6.

Rebelholics 31 – Deocares 12, Rios 11, Retan 2, Abobo 2, Cadua 2.

Scoring by quarters: 9-0, 19-13, 42-22, 58-31.

Third Game

DYS 97 – Darag 20, Ong 18, De Leon 10, Ellama 8, Flores 8, Cenir 6, Venus 1.

Ol'Aces 2 26 – Itaas 13, Du. Laxa 9, Mendiola 2, Da. Laxa 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-8, 39-10, 65-12, 97-26.

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In other results last Saturday, two of the three opening matches had contrasting results. Son Jae Ok and Young Sang You swept Kevin Park and Jeremi Montenejo, 21-19, 21-18, while Yun Jun Lee and John Min Lee outclassed Park and Car, 11-21, 21-16, 21-17. The other game in the first batch of matches last Saturday resulted in a default in favor of A.J. Ortega after a no-show from Edralin, while Batch 2 were won by Galvez and the Pangilinan siblings.

In Batch 3, Toshiko Obata and Jen Cardinio earned straight game wins in Class B against Windy Fenandez, 21-18, 21-12, and Merlie Tolentino, 21-20, 21-111, respectively, while Alvin Alvarez and Edwin Montoya edged Jerry Tan and Park, 17-21, 21-19, 21-18.

In Batch 4, all doubles matches ended after only two games with Roxie Lazaro and Lani Santos, Celso Agui and Panapa Peteru and Ezekiel Macario and Jordan Pangilinan beating their respective opponents.

One doubles match was scheduled in Batch 5 with Fernandez and Bartolome winning over Shirley Kim and Ana Alvarez in Class B, 21-15, 21-20, while Dianne Francisco and Mario Diola ruled the singles tiffs, thumping Cristy Villaflor, 21-9, 21-12, and Edralin, 21-16, 21-13, respectively.

For the final batch of matches last Saturday, Peteru was also victorious in his singles game, slipping past Montenejo in Class C, 16-21, 21-18, 21-16, while Ferdie Arago and Macoi Aguda swept Jerry Hibi and Joseph Santos in Class A doubles, 21-19, 21-17.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	75	54	.581	_
Tampa Bay	72	53	.576	1
Baltimore	68	58	.540	5 1/2
New York	67	59	.532	6 1/2
Toronto	57	70	.449	17

Central Division

Detroit	74	52	.587	_
Cleveland	69	58	.543	5 1/2
Kansas City	64	61	.512	9 1/2
Minnesota	55	70	.440	18 1/2
Chicago	51	74	.408	22 1/2

West Division

Texas	74	53	.583	_
Oakland	71	55	.563	2 1/2
Seattle	59	67	.468	14Ω
Los Angeles	55	71	.437	18 1/2
Houston	41	85	.325	32 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	77	49	.611	_
Washington	62	64	.492	15
New York	58	67	.464	18 1/2
Philadelphia	56	70	.444	21
Miami	48	77	.384	28 1/2

Central Division

Pittsburgh	74	52	.587	_
St. Louis	73	53	.579	1
Cincinnati	72	55	.567	2 1/2
Milwaukee	55	72	.433	19 1/2
Chicago	54	72	.429	20

West Division

Los Angeles	74	52	.587	_
Arizona	65	60	.520	8 1/2
Colorado	59	69	.461	16
San Diego	57	70	.449	17 1/2
San Francisco	56	70	.444	18

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Dumapit grabs Class B title from Cacdac

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Class B champion Ariel Dumapit is flanked by runners-up Efren Cacdac, left, and M.J. Aldan during the awards ceremony for the PBA Budweiser Classified Tournament last Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Ariel Dumapit foiled Efren Cacdac's bid for back-to-back Class B championships after surviving the stepladder finals of the 2013 Philippine Bowling Association Budweiser Classified Tournament early this month at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Cacdac, who topped last year's Class B event after beating Kim Jae Yong, earned a return trip to the finals after ruling the six-game elimination round, but failed to defend his crown as he lost to Dumapit twice. Dumapit took Game 1, 190-175, and completed the upset with a 212-169 victory in the deciding Game 2. Dumapit arranged a finals duel against Cacdac after ousting youth bowler M.J. Aldan in the first round of the stepladder finals, 191-168.

With the come-from-behind victory, Dumapit was awarded $300 cash prize and a trophy last Saturday, while Cacdac and Aldan settled for $200 and $100, respectively.

Before his victory over Cacdac, Dumapit placed only second to the former in the elimination round after collecting 1,129 pinfalls. Dumapit knocked down 200-plus pins only once (204 in Game 4) and adding his 191, 197, 191, 192, and 154 in the five other games, the eventual champion averaged 188.17.

Cacdac had the most impressive average, nearing the 200 mark with his 196, as the 2012 champion finished strong in the last four games (206, 206, 223, and 210) to make up for his so-so performance in the first two games (171 and 159) and earn 1,176 pinfalls. Aldan had a different story, as he got off to a good start, recording 220 and 239 in the first two games before fading in the last four (185, 171, 144, and 163) for a six-game total of 1,122 and average of 187.

Meanwhile, 22 other PBA members joined the Class B tournament, including last year's finalists Yong, who fell one step short of advancing to the stepladder finals. Yong finished fourth in the elimination round after registering 1,106 pinfalls in six games. Yong struggled in the first two games (182 and 164), found his form in the next two (200 and 213), but had a big breakdown in Game 5 (144) before bouncing back in the last game (203) to average 184.33, just less than three pinfalls short of Aldan's average.

Despite failing to make it to the Top 3, Yong still went home with a cash prize ($70) along with the fifth to 10th finishers in the Aug. 4 and 11 tournaments. Joining Yong in the Top 10 were Lito Teodoro (1,105), Ronald Batac (1,097), Johnny Fabian (1,087), Lee Yong Woon (1,075), Jorge Soledad (1,059), and female bowler Gloria Omechelang (1,050).

Other participants in the Class B tournaments were Diane Chong (1,038), Bernard Paraiso (979), Atoy Banting (976), Roger De Guzman (955), Elena Soll (945), Darwin Gonzales (928), Ron Cal (919), Tiro Corpuz (916), Rene Cariaso (913), Tess Fabie (912), Ferdee Generoso (897), Roger Vales (887), Benjie Cruz (855), and Andrew Sablan (789).

KFC, Agape outclass foes in UBA/Docomo caging

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A Swag Overloader player goes for a layup against Flight Team during the U15 game in the UBA/Docomo caging at the Garapan Basketball Court.

KFC and Agape downed their respective opponents in the 4th United Basketball Association/ Docomo Summer Youth League last Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

In the U15 division KFC defeated Villaroyales, 51-43. Jethro Cruz and Mike Arciaga teamed up in lifting KFC to the 8-point win, as they finished the game with 15 points apiece. Arciaga also plucked down 6 rebounds, as he and Mark Ogasawara kept up with Villaroyales' frontliners. Ogasawara collared 8 rebounds and had 4 shot blocks to go with his 11 points.

Joining Ogasawara, Cruz, and Arciaga on the KFC roster are Quinn Amog and Dick Feria, who added 7 and 4 points, respectively, and J.P. Cruz, who was scoreless, but earned 4 rebounds.

As for VIllaroyales, Adrian De Luna led his team after scoring 19 points. He also got 5 steals and 2 assists, while D.J. Ong contributed 11 markers and 8 rebounds.

Halftime scores of the KFC-Villaroyales were unavailable, as organizers used only statistics sheets during the game. Three other teams are competing against KFC and Villaroyales for the U15 crown. The list includes Swag Overloader, Rollers B, and Flight Team. The five participating squads play in a double-round robin regular season with only the Top 4 teams advancing to the playoffs. Matches are played every Saturday.

There are also five teams in the U18 division, including Agape, which edged the Thundercats, 64-61.

Winson Yu top-scored for Agape, nailing 15 points, while Josiah Lin and Joe Yang chipped in 13 and 12, respectively. De Luna, who is also playing in the U18 division, led all scorers, tallying 16 markers for the Thundercats.

The Wushin Warriors, Madness, and Sixers are the three other squads entered in the U18 division.

First Game

KFC 51 – Arciaga 15, Cruz 15, Ogasawara 11, Amog 9, Feria 4.

Villaroyales 42 – De Luna 19, Ong 11, Cenir 7, Ratan 4.

Second Game

Agape 64 – Yu 15, J. Li 13, Yang 12, Puno 9, B. Li 8, Cheung 4, Tran 4.

Thundercats 61 – De Luna 16, Kwon 14, Yap 12, Ano 10, Malonzo 5.

MARPAC holds anniversary golf tournament next month

Marianas Pacific Distributors, Inc. will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a golf tournament to be held at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort on Sept. 14.

The $100 (single) and $175 (team of two) fee includes greens fee, lunch buffet and snack, dinner banquet, and free-flowing ice-cold beverages. The golf tournament also features exciting raffle prizes and $40,000 and a brand new car for hole-in-one prizes.

"To celebrate 40 years of experience and dedication, we wanted to share our continued success with our loyal industry and community partners. We look forward to strengthening the foundation of the partnerships we've built over the years", notes Guy F. Pudney, MARPAC Inc. resident manager and 40th anniversary celebration chairman.

The golf tournament is limited to the first 144 players. Interested players/teams must fill out the registration form and submit it together with the payment by Sept. 6 at MARPAC, Inc.

For more details, contact Michelle Villacrusis at 234-7113 or mvillacrusis@marpacspn.com.

As another way of giving back and expressing our gratitude to our loyal customers, MARPAC, Inc. and Budweiser is also having the "40 Days of Giveaways." Residents 21 and over are encouraged to purchase a 12-pack or bucket of Bud or Bud Light for a chance to win daily prize and cash giveaways for 40 days like Bud gears, hotel stays, roundtrip tickets to Guam or Manila, $4,000 cash grand prize, and many more. ***(PR)***

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A golfer watches his shot during a tournament at the Laolao Bay & Golf Resort, which will host MARPAC's anniversary golf tournament next month.

SUFA holds softball fundraiser this weekend

Team SUFA will be hosting a softball fundraising tournament this weekend at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield.

The tournament is for Masters or players in the 40-and-above age group and will run this Saturday and Sunday. Entrance fee is set at $150 per team. There is no deadline to register, however, the first 10 teams to pay in full will land a spot in the double-elimination bracket.

Each team must have two female players (any age division) on its roster and at least one should be in the field at all times, and both must be at the batting lineup. There is a maximum of 15 players per team. The bracket will be randomly formulated and the event is scheduled to kick off at 9am this Saturday, while the championship game is set for Sunday.

SUFA is a non-profit organization and is doing fundraising events to compete in the CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament held in the mainland. The annual tournament is on its ninth year and SUFA will be competing for the sixth time. Team SUFA placed fifth out of the 19 teams that participated in last year's tournament in Boise, Idaho. This year, Team SUFA is heading to Big League Field of Dreams in Gilbert, Arizona, for the Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 competition.

Meanwhile, team SUFA would like to thank all those who supported their fundraising efforts.

For more information, contact SUFA at 287-3818 or send email to teamsufa@gmail.com. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Sports

Rastguiy, Sakano advance to finals

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Negahr Rastguiy, seen here serving against Mikayla Lopez during the 2012 White Coconut Classic at the AMP tennis courts early this year, advance to the finals of the girls senior division of the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate in Fiji last Wednesday.

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The CNMI's Amami Sakano and Negahr Rastguiy barged into the finals of 2013 ITF Oceania Plate.

Sakano notched the first finals berth in the boys seniors after defeating American Samoa's Kevin Maukoloa, 6-4, 7-6 (7) at the Denarau Racket Club in Fiji last Wednesday. Manoa Desvignes won the other championship berth after prevailing in the all-Tahiti semifinals against Michael Emery, 3-0 (retired) and was scheduled to challenge Sakano for the title yesterday.

The 17-year-old Sakano made it to the semifinals and was seeded first in the playoffs after finishing first in Pool A. He was undefeated in the pool play, completing the five-game sweep with tough 7-5, 7-5 victory over Emery last Wednesday morning. Desvignes topped Pool B, as he also earned a perfect slate, following a 6-2, 6-3 tri-

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DYS, KFC share Rotary U15 lead

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Players and supporters of DYS pose for a group photo before their game against the Ol'Aces 2 in the U15 division of the Rotary caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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DYS had another blowout win in the U15 division of the 22nd Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after demolishing the Ol'Aces 2, 97-26, last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

DYS, which opened its campaign in the youth caging with a 74-32 whipping of the Rollers, had the victory right after the second quarter when it held the Ol'Aces 2 to 2 points, turning a 19-8 lead to a big 39-10 advantage.

Another 2-point production made it close to impossible for the Ol'Aces 2 to get out of the deep hole, allowing DYS to

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Twin wins for 3 players in Shirley's Classic

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Yun Jun Lee makes a backhand return during his and Jong Min Lee's doubles game against Park and Cai in the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classic last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Three players bagged back-to-back wins in Week 3 of the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classic.

In the men's Class A singles, Andreau Galvez notched victories last Saturday and Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex. He first swept Jexler Caranto, 21-9, 21-20, and then had similar win over Glenn Bluutjens last Sunday.

Also getting a 2-0 record in the singles division over the weekend were siblings Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan. Jordan posted a 21-15, 21-20 win over Oh Im Bog in their Class B match last Saturday and then topped Deither Edralin last Sunday, 21-17, 21-18. Janelle also needed only two games to prevail over Lani Bartolome in the women's Class A duel last Sunday, 21-19, 21-15, and versus Loida Ito last Saturday, 21-18, 21-16.

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